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## UAE tanker set ablaze

DUBAI, April 19. (Agencies): Iran set the UAE-flag tanker Fal V ablaze in the southern Gulf today, shipping sources said.

They said the 12,125-tonne tanker was thought to have been attacked by gunboats and that sailors from an Omani warship had boarded the abandoned vessel. There were no reports of casualties.

Shipping sources said later all the crew of about 20 had been taken off the ship by the Omanis but that the accommodation quarters were still ablaze.

Rescue tugs had raced to the vessel from the UAE and were trying to douse the flames.

The attack at about 1.15 am (0915 GMT) was the first in the Gulf since yesterday when US warships clashed with the Iranian Navy.

The sources said the vessel had been hit in the Strait of Hormuz southwest of the Iranian island of Larak.

### Loaded

The sources said later that the Sharjah-registered vessel, believed loaded and bound for the UAE port of Fujairah outside the Gulf, was hit 12 miles north of Ras Al Masood in Oman.

Gunboats were thought to be responsible, they said.

The British tanker York Marine, wrecked in the Iranian strike, was under tow by three tugboats to the Dubai drydock at the side of the frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts, a report said.

British officials today summoned Iran's charge d'affaires in order to deliver a protest against the shelling of a British-owned tanker in the Gulf.

The Iranian diplomat, Akhuzadeh Basiri, was asked to report to the Foreign Office later today for a meeting with a "senior official" to explain the Iranian action, the Foreign Office said.

## Five Silkworms fired at American frigate

# Iran loses six ships in clashes with US

ABOARD THE USS JACK WILLIAMS, April 19. (AP): The long-simmering US-Iranian feud exploded into missile warfare yesterday as the United States attacked Iranian oil platforms in retaliation for last week's mining of US frigate in the Gulf.

During a day of clashes, a three-ship "surface action group" led by the USS Jack Williams, a guided-missile frigate, came under attack five times from Iran's Silkworm anti-missile batteries.

It was the first time Iran had fired the Chinese-made missiles at ships in the Strait of Hormuz and the southern Gulf.

Five times the warning sounded on the Williams' bridge. "Silkworm incoming," followed by the frigate's lurching into violent manoeuvres and firing chaff into the air to confuse the weapons' radar guidance system.

### Targets

All five missiles missed their presumed targets. Officers aboard the ship were elated with the response system.

"Not one of these ladies has a scratch on her, and the other guys can't say that," said Capt. Don Dyer, operational commander of the force.

"We lost six ships. They were either sunk or damaged by US fire in a day of warfare throughout the Gulf."



An Iranian salvage tug sprays water onto a blazing Iranian oil platform at Sirri. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dyer said a C-130 aircraft that was spotting targets for the Silkworm batteries was tracked by US jets off the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Enterprise and was almost shot down.

US officials reported one US attack helicopter with two crew members aboard missing yesterday and said the search for it continued today. They denied Iranian claims that it had been

shot down. The Jack Williams, with members of a Pentagon news media pool aboard, was the operational flagship for one of the three US "surface action groups" taking part in the conflict erupting throughout the southern Gulf.

The other in the group were the destroyers Joseph Strauss and O'Brien.

Yesterday's operations began

with coordinated shelling attacks after dawn by US ships on two Iranian-owned oil platforms. One of the platforms was boarded by Marines, who set explosives that later destroyed the facility.

In swift sequence over the next few hours, Iran lost a missile-armed patrol boat, two armed speedboats and two frigates. US officials said another Iranian

speedboat also was hit.

Lt Cmdr Mark van Dyke, a spokesman for the Navy's Middle East Task Force, said the frigate Sahand was damaged by a Harpoon missile and a bomb from a jet fighter deployed from the Enterprise. The Joseph Strauss also fired one of its five-metre (15-foot) long cruise missiles, which have a maximum range of more than 80 kilometres (50 miles).

### Horizon

A flash and white smoke erupted on the horizon, followed by a long series of heavy explosions as the weapons and ammunition aboard the Sahand blew up.

Van Dyke said a US pilot who observed the Sahand reported it "listing badly, with a big hole in its port side, the superstructure on fire and a lifeboat with some survivors in the water."

Shortly after, F-14 jet fighters from the Enterprise attacked the Sahand's sister frigate, the Sabalan, reportedly after it fired a missile at the aircraft. The Sabalan was hit by a Harpoon missile and a bomb, officers said, leaving it dead in the water.

The Iranian patrol boat, equipped with missiles, took direct hit from a missile fired by the USS Frigate Simpson. US spokesmen said, after it ignored warnings and fired on the US guided missile cruiser Wainwright.

US Army Maj. Barry Willey, a

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President Reagan comments on the US action in the Gulf. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Tehran will pay the price for threats: Reagan

WASHINGTON, April 19. (Agencies): President Reagan has held out the threat of further US military action in the volatile Gulf, warning Iran that the United States will not tolerate "irresponsible behaviour" in the vital waterway.

"We aim to deter further Iranian aggression, not provoke it," Reagan declared after the most serious clash yet between Iran and the American forces placed in the Gulf to keep commercial shipping lanes open amid the Iran-Iraq war.

At the same time, the President told an audience in the White House complex yesterday, "Iranians must know we will protect our ships. And if they threaten us, they'll pay the price."

US jets, ships and Marines blasted two Iranian oil platforms

in the Gulf yesterday, retaliating for renewed mine-laying that damaged an American warship last week, and crippled or sank six Iranian vessels that fought back.

Reagan said the decisive military action sent a clear message to Iran, and he explained publicly, "we've taken this action to make certain the Iranians have no illusions about the cost of irresponsible behaviour."

Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci echoed the threat of further armed action, saying: "We hope that Iran will draw the appropriate lesson from this and cease its attacks on peaceful international shipping in the Gulf. We stand prepared to defend this shipping... as we have in the past."

Yet Carlucci emphasised a desire for no further conflict as some observers questioned whether the aggressive response by Iran yesterday indicated the regime of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Asked whether he was surprised by the Iranian reaction to overwhelming US military superiority, Carlucci said: "I wouldn't use the word 'surprised' because the Iranians have been known to engage in this kind of frankly foolhardy behaviour before. I might say we are disappointed. We hoped they would heed the warnings that we gave."

### Assume

He added: "I'm not sure it's explainable in terms of Western logic at this point. I have only to assume that it's some kind of a fanatical reaction or slavish obedience to a contingency plan."

Reagan again refused to invoke the War Powers Resolution, which requires congressional approval for prolonged deployment of combat troops abroad, but he promised to deliver a full report to Congress within 48 hours.

Despite some reservations about the war powers refusal, lawmakers generally embraced the President's decision to punish Iran for its actions.

"I support the decision to destroy the platforms," said Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia. "I think it is a legitimate response."

It behooves all of us to close ranks", agreed House Speaker

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### WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be above normal with a moderate southeasterly wind. May freshen at times and some clouds will appear with a chance of rain.

State of sea: slight to moderate  
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Low water: 8.30 am, 9.00 pm  
Sunrise: 5.17 am Sunset: 6.18 pm  
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Kuwait: 35°C 95°F  
Ahmad: 29°C 84°F  
Minimum temperature recorded:  
Kuwait: 21°C 70°F  
Ahmad: 23°C 73°F  
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Ahmad: 50 per cent  
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Imrak 3.43 am  
Iftar 6.18 pm

## Negotiations with hijackers

# New initiative to break deadlock

From Jadranka Porter

ALGIERS, April 19: As the religious rites began occupying the hijackers' holiday about 31 hostages aboard the Kuwait Airways jumbo jet, a new initiative to break the deadlock in the negotiations seemed to be in the offing. A Kuwaiti delegation was expected to arrive in Algiers today.

A private plane arrived from Kuwait this morning but it was not clear whether the Kuwaiti delegation was on it.

However, soon after the arrival of the jet, an Algerian mediator sought permission to board the hijacked Boeing 747 and enter the aircraft just before 1.00 pm (1200 GMT).

The radio exchanges between the control tower and gunman last night and this morning were mainly concerned with the need of the hostages on board.

The hijackers asked for meals for 50 hours, several copies of the Holy Quran as well as all Arabic and French language newspapers, some medicine, water and cleavers.

The hijackers forced a ruling family member to radio a desperate message yesterday asking Kuwait to give in to the terrorists' demands.

"Please free the prisoners," Fadhel Al Sabah, 33, croaked in Arabic from the cockpit of the Boeing 747. The rest of his remarks were unintelligible because Fadhel was in too nervous a state and could barely speak.

But Fadhel, one of three members of the Kuwaiti royal family the hijackers are holding, clearly

was referring to the hijackers' main demand for the release of 17 terrorists jailed in Kuwait.

Fadhel was in such bad shape that the Algerian control tower asked the hijackers to have him repeat the statement radioed at around 3.05 pm (1405 GMT).

One of the sky pirates then came on the radio. He said Fadhel was unable to repeat it. "I want to confirm that he is one of the Kuwaiti royal family. He is Fadhel Al Sabah," the gunman said in English.

Meanwhile, a leading Kuwaiti newspaper reported yesterday that the ordeal of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner would come to an end within 24 hours.

Quoting informed sources, the daily said the hijack could be resolved within 24 hours after Kuwaiti intervention.

"The breakthrough comes as a result of the intensified efforts exerted by Kuwait at a high level with sister states," the newspaper added.

"There are indications that the ordeal is approaching a happy end whereby the hostages will be freed without Kuwait giving up its principles," it said.

A senior Kuwaiti official, asked about the report, seemed optimistic and said: "With God's help and will, the plight (hijack) will come to an end soon."

### Insurance premiums

LONDON, April 19. (Reuters): Lloyd's underwriters doubled war risk insurance premiums for the Gulf today after increased attacks on Gulf shipping and clashes between the US and Iranian Navies, a leading war risk underwriter said.

The message was sent just before the national team left for Kuwait for a series of homebings in 1983. Kuwait has repeatedly refused to accede to the demand.

The message said the team was volunteering in return for the release of all hostages, including three members of the ruling family.

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## Shatti resisted

AN elderly diabetic hostage resisted captors who eventually tied him up day and night on board the Kuwaiti airliner hijacked 15 days ago.

Juma Abdullah Al Shatti, 70, freed as a humanitarian gesture, walked unaided from a private jet which flew him to Kuwait from Algiers yesterday.

"Look, look, I was tied night and day... what the hijackers did is not good," he said when freed in Algiers on Thursday.

"Thanks be to Allah, he has come back safely," his oldest son Abdullah, 26, said as Shatti went to a family reception subdued by the continuing crisis in Algiers.

"We will not fully rejoice until all on the plane are safe. We pray to Allah to free the poor people still on the plane," Abdullah said. The family said Shatti was extremely tired.

Other freed passengers said he was an outspoken hostage who at first resisted hijackers' attempts to tie him.

Shatti, who was held for 10 days, was the 71st passenger to be freed from the Boeing 747.

They accept," said the message.

The hijackers are demanding freedom for 17 Arabs held in Kuwait for a series of homebings in 1983. Kuwait has repeatedly refused to accede to the demand.

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## KAC stops lifting cargo

By Fathima Ahmed

KAC has suspended its cargo operations worldwide, according to reliable sources. The airline has suspended shipping of all incoming and outgoing cargo since April 12, they said.

The Kuwait carrier informed shipping agents of its "indefinite" but "temporary" suspension of cargo operations to and from Kuwait with immediate effect. The carrier will incur "considerable losses" due to the stoppage, sources said.

"All cargo shipping - incoming and outgoing - have been badly hit,"

KAC's outgoing cargo load has been transferred to 43 airlines. Sources told the Arab Times that KAC decided to stop cargo operation after receiving threats from unidentified people. "It is better to lose money than lose lives," they said.

Saudia, the Saudi Arabian flag carrier, this week suspended cargo shipping from Kuwait except newspapers and magazines, they said. No reason was given for the stoppage.

## US stops escorts temporarily

WASHINGTON, April 19. (UPI): The United States has suspended escorting straggled tankers through the Gulf until the situation in the volatile waters calms down, a Pentagon official said today.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the US policy of sending Navy warships to escort foreign vessels carrying the American flag has not changed but said, "until things subside, you probably won't see any escorts."

"We have not made any decision we are going to cease those operations," the official said. "As a matter of prudence they may be delayed until the next one (escort) commences."

"This certainly is not a change of policy but gives the last four or five days, it is not a prudent measure to have escorts under way."

The official cited the freshly laid mines in the Gulf and "activities of the last few days"

## Soviets denounce raids

# Britain supports American action

LONDON, April 18. (Agencies): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said the American attacks on Iranian oil platforms were justified, but Soviet television labelled them "aggressive actions" that aggravated the Gulf conflict.

The most supportive reaction abroad came from Thatcher's government, which said Washington's forces were making a balanced reaction to Tehran's "cowardly act" of laying mines in the Gulf. Loodoo has warships in the Gulf protecting British-flagged shipping.

Thatcher said: "We are satisfied from evidence we have that the mines were laid by Iran and therefore, that the American action was entirely justified as a proportionate response."

Italy's foreign minister indicated that the Iranians should have known what to expect.

"Laying mines is an illegitimate act which puts shipping at risk," Giulio Andreotti

said. "Yesterday's incidents and the reactions follow the tough logic of military actions and reactions."

Japan today expressed understanding of the US attacks as an act of self-defence guaranteed under the United Nations charter, a government spokesman said in Tokyo.

"Japan, which is deeply interested in safe navigation through the Gulf, understands the action taken by the US government," said the spokesman.

Australia said the latest US retaliation against Iran was a "proportionate" response.

"The US has reacted in a proportionate manner to the problem with which they were confronted," Foreign Minister Bill Hayden told reporters in Canberra.

Egypt said it understood the motives behind the American attack on the Iranian oil platforms.

"There were plenty of Iranian

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## Renewed call for embargo on Iran

UNITED NATIONS, April 19. (AP): United States officials said yesterday they hoped the flare-up in the Gulf will help break a Security Council impasse standing in the way of an arms embargo against Iran.

US Ambassador Herbert Okun, briefed key members of the Security Council yesterday on the US retaliation for an Iranian mine attack on an Iranian warship last week that injured 10 seamen.

The United States struck back in the pre-dawn hours yesterday, destroying two of Iran's offshore oil platforms and sinking a defending Iranian patrol boat. Iran responded by firing on US aircraft and the cruiser Wainwright and by shelling an oilfield in Sharjah.

"We think this proves more strongly than ever the need for an enforcement resolution" imposing an embargo on Iran. Okun told reporters after meeting with

the President of the Council. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati protested to the United Nations yesterday about US attacks on Iranian oil rigs and warships, Iran's Islamic Republic News agency reported.

Both Velayati and a separate Foreign Ministry statement threatened retaliation, the agency said.

Velayati asked UN Security-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, to condemn the US attacks and to take measures to prevent the repetition of such crimes, it reported.

A White House official, who asked not to be identified, also decried Irao's charge that US warships attacked Sharjah's Mubarak oilfield in the southern Gulf rather than Iranian warships as reported by shipping sources.

"That's wrong," the official said.

### DAY BY DAY

WHEN you have a simple confrontation with the under-secretary of a ministry, any ministry, because they have failed to give you what was rightfully yours, you can choose to go to the minister with your problem.

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The undersecretary will take offence if you go to the minister without the under-secretary's permission and you will become his lifelong enemy for your action.

Zahed Matar



## INTERNATIONAL

## Hasina deals a blow to unity of opposition

DHAKA, April 19, (Reuters): Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina has attacked two of her allies in the campaign to oust President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The Awami League chief called leaders of the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party "anti-state elements."

"I urge the progressive forces to rise against Jamaat, which harbours anti-liberation forces and is involved in anti-state activities," she told a meeting of her eight-party alliance last night.

The alliance, in a joint resolution, accused Jamaat members and supporters of opposing Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan in 1971 and "killing many people in collaboration with the Pakistani Army."

Awami League, Jamaat and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party have been partners in an opposition campaign launched last November to topple Ershad.

Hasina was repeating charges made earlier by Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, general secretary of the Awami League.

**Protest**  
Senior Jamaat leader, Matur Rahman Nizami, strongly protested against Chowdhury's remarks.

"Such irresponsible remarks will only strengthen the hands of the autocratic rulers and trigger confrontations among opposition parties," he said in a statement on Monday.

Hasina also attacked the other main opposition leader, BNP chairman Begum Khaleida Zia, on Sunday for helping Ershad to stay in power.

"Those who live in the cantonment protect the interests of each other," she said in reference to Khaleida, widow of assassinated former President General Ziaur Rahman, who lives inside Dhaka's military garrison.

Political analysts expressed surprise at Hasina's sudden outburst, which they said would weaken the anti-Ershad campaign and help perpetuate the former General's power.

Ershad has ruled impoverished Bangladesh with strong military support for six years.

Apparently comforted by the growing disputes between the opposition leaders, the government has launched a fresh attack on its opponents.

"Failing to make any headway in their movement to topple Ershad, some political leaders have urged foreign powers to interfere in Bangladesh's internal affairs. This is a shame," Information Minister Mahbubur Rahman said on Monday.

**Power failure**  
MONTREAL, April 19, (AP): A massive power blackout hit the province of Quebec, part of New Brunswick and part of the US state of Maine last week, plunging millions of people into darkness.

## Lebanese found guilty of kidnapping W. Germans

## Hamadi jailed for 13 years

DUESSELDORF, April 19, (AP): A Duesseldorf court today convicted Abbas Hamadi and sentenced him to 13 years in prison for helping abduct two West Germans in Beirut in an attempt to gain the freedom of his brother, alleged TWA hijacker Mohammed Hamadi.

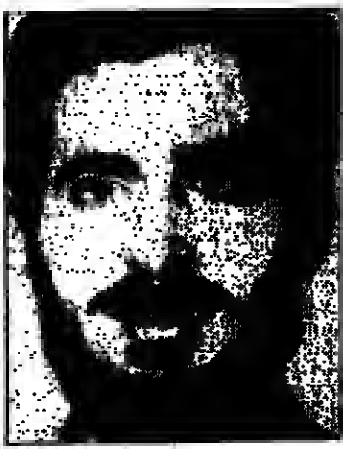
The court sentenced Abbas Hamadi to 13 years imprisonment.

Hamadi, looked dejected after hearing the sentence and slumped down into his chair, but remained silent.

In reading the verdict, presiding judge Klaus Arend said that Hamadi was guilty of the charges of kidnapping, coercion and possession of explosives.

He said that following Mohammed Hamadi's arrest at Frankfurt airport on Jan 13, 1987, Abbas Hamadi talked by telephone with radical acquaintances in Beirut, including another Hamadi brother, Abdul.

**Group**  
"After the capture of Mohammed Hamadi these men formed a circle in Beirut who decided to do something to block the possible extradition (to the United States) of Mohammed Hamadi," Arend said.



Hamadi: guilty

In earlier testimony at the trial, West German police said they had monitored telephone calls made by Abbas Hamadi.

Abdul Hadi Hamadi is a security chief of Hezbollah, a Lebanese Shiite Muslim group with ties to Iran.

More than 100 people, mostly reporters, attended the session in the high-security court.

Judge Arend, after delivering the verdict appealed to the kidnappers of West German businessman Rudolf Cordes, who has been held captive in Lebanon since Jan 17, 1987, to free him.

"Free Rudolf Cordes and show the world your own humanity," Arend said.

Arend condemned terrorism saying: "Terrorists work to bend other people to their will."

**Surprise**  
The tough sentence came as a surprise as prosecutors in their closing statement two weeks ago, had asked only for a sentence of 11-12 years.

Throughout the trial that began on Jan 5, Abbas Hamadi denied having anything to do with the kidnappings.

Hamadi, who has lived in West Germany for several years, was convicted of aiding in the January 1987 kidnapping of West German businessmen Rudolf Cordes and Alfred Schmidt in Beirut.

Prosecutors said that Abbas Hamadi participated in the abductions in an attempt to force the West German government to free his brother, who is being held on charges related to the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut.

Defence attorney Ludwig Hoeller last week told the court Abbas Hamadi did not contest the explosives charges against him, and recommended that he

be sentenced to one year in prison.

But Hoeller said then that Hamadi should be released because he had already served more than a year in investigative custody.

**Abduction**  
Cordes was seized at Beirut airport on Jan 17, 1987, and Schmidt was abducted from his Beirut hotel room three days later. Schmidt was released last year in what the kidnappers called a "goodwill gesture," but Cordes is still being held.

Federal agents testified earlier in the trial that Abbas Hamadi's fingerprints were found on a letter Schmidt wrote to his mother while he was still being held.

Federal prosecutor Kark-Heinz Schnarr admitted in his closing arguments two weeks ago that evidence did not link Abbas Hamadi directly to the gunmen who abducted the Germans, but he said Hamadi played a role after the kidnappings.

The abductions came shortly after Mohammed Hamadi was arrested at Frankfurt airport on Jan 13, 1987 while carrying liquid explosives. Abbas Hamadi was arrested in Frankfurt on Jan 26, 1987.

## Desertions from Afghan Army rising

## Moscow reinforces Kabul

ISLAMABAD, April 19, (Reuters): Moscow is keeping up copious weapons shipments to Afghanistan before it starts pulling its troops home next month.

The shipments included a massive deployment of weapons in an area south of the capital, Kabul, last week as Mujahideen fought Soviet and Afghan troops at varying levels of intensity in many areas of the country, they said.

Security at checkpoints in Kabul was tightened but a number of diplomats reported a rise in desertions from the Afghan Army.

"Afghan soldiers at checkpoints appear more diligent and aggressive. This may be a sign they realise they are going to have to

shoulder more of the burden once the Soviet withdrawal gets underway," a diplomat said.

An estimated 115,000 Soviet troops are due to leave within nine months from May 15 as part of an international settlement signed in Geneva last week aimed at ending the nine-year-old war and securing the return of five million refugees.

**Convoys**

Quoting information from Afghanistan, the diplomats said hundreds of trucks carrying weapons had left the capital for Logar province bordering Pakistan, which provides a haven for Afghan guerrillas and refugees.

One diplomat described the convoy of tanks, artillery pieces, multi-barrelled rocket launchers, armoured personnel carriers and fuel trucks as the longest seen for months.

He said the trucks took five hours to rumble out of Kabul on April 11. For hundred and fifty vehicles were counted during a single observation period of an hour and 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, Afghan guerrilla leaders are looking for a place in their homeland to set up a provisional government in opposition to Soviet-backed President Najibullah.

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## Shamir urges Shevardnadze to visit Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 19, (AP): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir appealed to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to come to Israel for talks when he visits the Middle East later this month.

"I think it would be helpful for us, and I think it could be helpful also for the Soviets," Shamir said in a joint interview with the Associated Press and the West German news agency DPA.

Shamir said both Shevardnadze and US Secretary of State George Shultz had signalled their intentions to visit the Middle East in the coming weeks although details had not been finalised.

"We know about some intentions of both of them to do something about the unrest (in the Israeli-occupied territories), about peace in our area, but we don't know details of their next steps," said Shamir.

He said he would respond favourably to a visit of a high-ranking Soviet official such as Shevardnadze, adding: "We would welcome it, and we will be willing to talk with him."

**Change**  
The Israeli leader's statements represented a marked change from headline statements earlier this year that warned of the dangers of Soviet involvement in Middle East peace efforts.

Speaking in his office, Shamir stressed that Israel was the key to efforts aimed at rekindling a peace process in the Middle East.

Asked if the Soviets and Americans could work together on a peace shuttle, Shamir said, "I think first of all they have to work with us. We are the most important partner in such an effort."

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● A model of Tutankhamun sets the atmosphere at London's Dorchester Hotel for the first ever live TV broadcast from the gloomy tunnels underneath Egypt's ancient pyramids. Egyptian actor Omar Sharif (left) holding a 1450 BC jar, will host the programme. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Six more Sikhs die in shootout

AMRITSAR, April 19, (UPI): Security forces, in their second major shootout with Sikh militants in 48 hours, killed six extremists in a two-hour-long running battle through wheat fields in northern Punjab state, a police official said.

The running clash lasted for two hours in wheat fields surrounding the farmhouse, leaving six gunmen shot dead and three security personnel wounded, one critically, police said.

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called up about 100 reinforcements to cordon off a three-mile long (4.5 km) perimeter around the farmhouse and snare the fleeing gunmen.

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## Nazi criminal convicted

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 19, (Reuters): An Israeli court convicted John Demjanjuk of Nazi war crimes yesterday, saying he was gas chamber operator "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka death camp in World War Two.

Demjanjuk, 68, could face death by hanging. A hearing on the sentence was set for next Monday.

"We find the accused guilty of crimes against the Jewish people, crimes against humanity, war crimes and crimes against persecuted people," said judge Dov Levin.

Demjanjuk was absent from the court during the nearly 12-hour session in which the verdict was read.

His lawyer, Yoram Shefel, said earlier that his client decided to listen to the proceedings from a cell in the building because he expected a guilty verdict.

Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk had claimed he was a victim of mistaken identity and was not the same Ivan who was involved in the killing of 870,000 Jews in the gas chambers at Treblinka.

But Levin said the court had been persuaded beyond doubt that Demjanjuk and "Ivan the Terrible" were one and the same.

"We determine conclusively, without hesitation or doubt, that the accused is Ivan who was known as 'Ivan the Terrible,' gas chamber operator at the Treblinka death camp," he read from the 400-page verdict.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Beirut flareup

BEIRUT, April 19, (AP): Christian and Muslim militiamen duelled with mortars and machine guns across Beirut's dividing Green Line yesterday, killing at least two children and wounding eight, police said.

A shell slammed into a public square where children were playing in East Beirut's Christian district of Ein Rummaneh, causing the casualties, police said.

A 5-year-old girl and an 8-year-old boy died. The ages of those wounded ranged from 6 to 12. The victims were all Christians, police said.

**New editor**  
ISLAMABAD, April 19, (Reuters): A former government press officer, Hafizur Rahman, was named yesterday as chief editor of the government-owned Pakistan Times newspaper.

Rahman replaces Maqbul Shariff, who was close to President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

**Anti-Israeli protest**  
WARSAW, April 19, (Reuters): Arab students, some masked, staged a protest march in Warsaw today during ceremonies marking the 45th anniversary of the doomed Warsaw ghetto uprising against the Nazis.

About 200 demonstrators, some covering their faces with chequered Palestinian headscarves, marched past Poland's tomb of the unknown soldier in central Warsaw with banners in Arabic and Polish proclaiming: "Stop the killing."

**Pollution**  
BEIJING, April 19, (Reuters): Beijing has become one of the world's most polluted capitals, with air 35 times dirtier than London's and 16 times more contaminated than crowded Tokyo's, the Chinese media said today.

Soot from the burning of coal and sulphur dioxide emissions from heavy industry send air pollution above state limits in the capital and 59 other cities, said the China Youth News, quoting the results of China's first survey of industrial pollution.

**Tortured**  
SINGAPORE, April 19, (UPI): Security officials today arrested nine people who had claimed they were tortured by government interrogators after being arrested last year on charges of involvement in a Marxist plot.

The department of home affairs, which ordered the arrests by security officers, offered no explanation for the apprehensions.

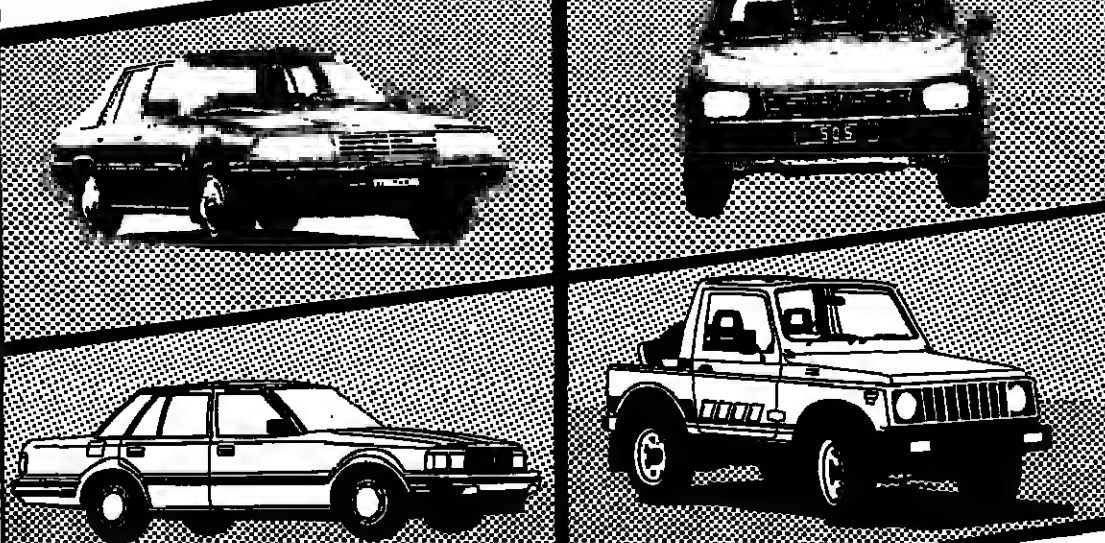
**No dancing**  
LONDON, April 19, (Reuters): An English vicar who said God told him to encourage dancing in his church has lost a battle to nip out its pews and carpet the floor.

At the end of a three-day hearing, a Church of England official in the southern diocese of Winchester rejected Reverend John Earp's suggestions as aesthetically unsatisfactory.

**Bigger problems**  
BEIJING, April 19, (UPI): Senior leader Deng Xiaoping today described Mikhail Gorbachev as "something new," but said his Soviet counterpart faces bigger problems than China in his bid to reform a lumbering Communist economy.

The 84-year-old Chinese leader made the remarks during an "unusually warm" meeting with Masayoshi Ito, special envoy of Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, following several months of tension in Sino-Japanese ties last year, a Japanese source said.

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## Saudis deplore Iranian aggression

RIYADH, April 19. (Agencies): Saudi Arabia condemned Iran today for attacking an oil field belonging to the UAE and congratulated Iraq for recapturing the Faw peninsula from Iran.

"Saudi Arabia condemns the latest Iranian attack on the UAE and warns of the increasing danger of the current military escalation in the region," said a statement released by the Saudi cabinet after its weekly meeting.

"Saudi Arabia has made clear that the Iranian regime is not satisfied with its war with Iraq... but continues to try to spread the battle to parties who are not participating in it," said the statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The Saudi statement said the attack on the Mubarak oil field and an earlier attack on Kuwait's Bubiyan island were "nothing more than a dangerous Iranian aggression against the region's security and stability."

"The current engagements between the American Navy and Iranian warships and the continued planting of mines in the international waters of the Gulf is testimony to the danger... of the continued escalation which Iran strives for in the region," the cabinet statement said.

"The cabinet expresses its deep satisfaction over the contents of the historic Iraqi communique (announcing the taking of Faw)." SPA quoted the Information Minister, General Ali Hassan Al Shaer, as saying following the meeting.

"Saudi Arabia congratulates Iraq for this step and hopes it will be the final seal of a tragedy which has gone on for a long time between two Islamic countries," he said.

## UK supports American ...

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provocations including its role in the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner, sowing mines in the Gulf and attacking shipping in international waters." Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Maguid told reporters in Cairo.

But in Moscow, Soviet television said "instead of using joint efforts of the world community to end the Iran-Iraq conflict and to promote political means of normalising the situation in the Arab world, the United States deliberately has resorted to aggressive actions and this only exacerbated the situation in the region and creates the threat of direct involvement of the USA into the local conflict."

## Soccer team volunteers ...

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Sbeikh Fahd said although members of his team were deeply concerned over the hijack of the Kuwaiti plane from the beginning there was nothing they could do earlier because they had their duty in Kuala Lumpur.

"But now our concern is for the hostages. We are willing to exchange ourselves with them. We are ever ready to sacrifice," he said.

Sbeikh Fahd said when he contacted his family, his only daughter Bibi, 12, had suggested that she should also go to Algeria to be volunteer.

"This is the spirit," said Sbeikh Fahd.

## Iran loses six ships in clashes with US

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central command officer accompanying the media pool, said the view from the bridge atop the Jack Williams was "both spectacular and frightening — contrasts from missiles could be seen in almost every direction."

There were no reports of US casualties. Van Dyke said an Iranian Radio broadcast reported 10 people "martyred" in the attack on one of the oil platforms.

In an apparent attempt to strike back, US officers said, two of Iran's Swedish-built Boghammer Marin speedboats and a helicopter attacked a Western-owned offshore oilfields near Abu Musa island. One of the Boghammers was sunk and the other driven off, Van Dyke said.

**Installing**

Iran has long used Abu Musa, 50 kilometres (30 miles) off the UAE, as a base for its Revolutionary Guards speedboat commandos and recently was reported by US Defence Department sources to have begun installing Silkstorm missile launchers there.

The retaliatory attacks by the United States were on Iranian oil platforms that have been used for military purposes, US officials said.

The strikes were ordered after the frigate Samuel B. Roberts hit a mine in the central Gulf last Thursday night, injuring 10 crew members. US officials said the mine belonged to Iran.

As the three-ship unit including the Jack Williams headed toward Abu Musa, word was flashed from Adm. Anthony Less, commander of the task force: "Sahand is in your vicinity, take him."

Within the hour, two A-6 intruders off the Enterprise had located the frigate, then attacked

## Iraq offers peace after retaking Faw

BAGHDAD, April 19. (Reuters): Iraq today offered Iran peace as it fired four missiles at its cities and described the liberation of Faw peninsula as a catastrophe for Tehran.

"The recapture of Faw is not only a military defeat, it is a military, political and psychological catastrophe," the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra said in an editorial.

Iraq kept up pressure on Iran, firing missiles at Tehran, Qom holy city, and at Shiraz and Isfahan in the south. Iran said scores of people were killed in the attacks.

The official Iraqi News Agency INA said anti-aircraft gunners yesterday brought down an Iranian F-5 warplane crossing the Shatt Al Arab waterway separating the combatants.

Iraq's elite Presidential Guards and the 7th Army Corps swept over Faw, which Iran captured two years ago, in a 36-hour blitz launched on Sunday.

In Washington US officials yesterday denied a charge by Iran that American military helicopters attacked Iranian forces fighting Iraq on the occupied Faw peninsula on Sunday night.

The charge, carried by Tehran Radio, said the US helicopters swept to from the sea, attacked Iranian forces south of Faw on several occasions and were driven back by Iranian fire.

## Tehran will pay the price ...

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Jim Wright, Democrat-Texas, citing last week's mine damage to the frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts as ample justification for yesterday's action.

On the presidential campaign trail, Reagan drew only muted criticism from one Democrat vying to succeed him, in New York, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson agreed on the need to protect US interests, but said the American troops in the Gulf are "in a cross-fire of very ineffective and bad policy."

Vice-President George Bush, campaigning in Ohio, said it would have been unthinkable to "sit and do nothing." Bush was one of several officials who attended a meeting on Sunday night where the final go-ahead was given for the retaliatory strike, following a meeting on Friday to develop the broad outline.

**Operations**

Administration officials met later on Sunday night with congressional leaders to brief them on the operations and encountered some resistance, but Wright and others refused to reveal the nature of those concerns.

US officials stressed the military options were exercised by Reagan only on the basis of "conclusive evidence" of a resumption of Gulf mining by Iran.

## Tunisia formally accuses Israel of killing Al Wazir

TUNIS, April 19. (Agencies): Tunisia has said Israel used advanced electronic warfare in an operation to assassinate PLO guerrilla commander Abu Jihad, whose body arrived at Damascus airport today for burial on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, an Israeli cabinet minister criticised the killing.

An Israeli military plane jammed local communications while a hit-squad machinegunned to death PLO leader Yasser Arafat's military deputy on the outskirts of Tunis on Saturday, an official Tunisian report said.

Tunisia is to protest to the United Nations Security Council against Israel for "state terrorism", the official news agency Tap said.

**Aggression**

Announcing the findings of an inquiry into the killing of Abu Jihad, whose real name was Khalil Al Wazir, Tap said: "The inquiry has established that Israel was implicated in this cowardly terrorist act which it planned and executed."

President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali condemned the "flagrant, premeditated aggression against Tunisian sovereignty."

Israeli sources in Tel Aviv said Israel killed Abu Jihad in a combined operation of the Mossad secret service, the Israeli Navy

and an elite Army unit.

Tap said the Israeli plane was a Boeing 707 which kept in international air space while using its jamming equipment. The plane had the registry number 4X977 and was about 34 miles (55 km) outside Tunisia at the time of the attack.

Arafat has accused the United States, Israel's most powerful ally, of giving the green light for the killing. The US yesterday denied any connection with the murder.

The United States has condemned the assassination of Al Wazir.

"The United States condemns this act of political assassination," State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters in Washington.

"The United States government had no knowledge of nor was it involved in any way in this assassination," he added.

Israeli cabinet minister Ezer Weizman became the first Israeli leader to speak out against the assassination.

He said: "The killing has only minuses for Israel. It will certainly not silence terror and possibly intensify it. It hurts the peace process."

Asked by Reuters whether Israel was responsible, he replied: "Guess for yourself."

Accompanying the body were the slain commander's wife, his five children, and senior PLO officials, including political department chief Farouk Kadoumi, executive committee member Mahmoud Abbas, and the guerrilla movement's security chief Hayel Abde Hamid.

But Arafat, who saw the body off at Tunis airport, stayed behind because of his feud with Assad.

Arafat's media adviser, Basam Abu Sharif, confirmed that Arafat would not attend the funeral.

## Lebanon seeks exemption

BEIRUT, April 19. (Kuna): Lebanon asked the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to exempt it from paying its financial commitments to the organisation as a result of her economic difficulties.

Arab diplomatic sources said today that the Lebanese Foreign Ministry assigned its ambassador to Saudi Arabia, who is also Lebanon's representative to the OIC, to follow up the issue.

Saudi Arabia has paid Lebanon's financial commitments for the past years to the organisation.

## Israel expels 8 Palestinians

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon, April 19. (Reuters): Eight Palestinians expelled from Israel today arrived in South Lebanon, a security source said.

He said Israeli helicopters dropped the eight banished men in Hasbaya in Israel's self-declared border security zone at three pm (1300 GMT).

There was no immediate confirmation from Israel.

The security source in this southern Lebanese town identified the eight men — all from Nabulus — as Gbassan Ali Izzat Al Masri, Mahmoud Aianat Abed Ibrahim Al Jahoub, Mustapha Mohammed Ayyed Hamayel, Najeh Jamil Saadeh Dwaikat, Sari Hayel Daher Hamayed, Ahmed Fawzi Khaled Al Deek, Omar Mohammed Said Daoud and Ibrahim Mohammed Khodr.

This brought to 16 the number of Palestinians deported from Israel since April 11, and to 20 the number expelled this year. Israel accused them of inciting violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At least 159 Palestinians have been shot dead by Israelis since the uprising in the occupied territories broke out on Dec 9.

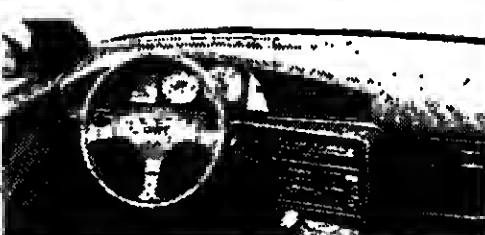
The security source said the eight deportees were flown by Israeli helicopters to Hasbaya.

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## Kuwaiti stand has become a source of national pride

KUWAIT'S refusal to knuckle under to the demands of extremists who hijacked a Kuwaiti jumbo jet has become a source of national pride.

Some Kuwaitis also see it as vital to the survival of the northern Gulf state, which is threatened by the 7-1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war raging 80 kilometres north of its capital.

"I think Kuwait has set an example that you never, ever negotiate with terrorists," said Faisal Al-Marzouk, chief editor of a Kuwaiti newspaper.

"I think it's unfortunate that the United States, West Germany, France have always wanted to negotiate the release of hostages held in Lebanon," he said in an interview.

**Front**  
For two weeks, this land of about 1.7 million people — only 40 per cent of them citizens — has adamantly refused to meet the demands of the hijackers of the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 seized April 5.

The hijackers, apparently Lebanese Shiite Muslim extremists, have demanded that Kuwait free 17 pro-Iranian militants convicted for 1983 bomb attacks on the US and French embassies that killed at least four people.

An estimated 31 hostages, including three members of Kuwait's royal family, remain aboard the jetliner, which is now in Algiers.

The hijackers have already killed two Kuwaiti passengers and have vowed to massacre the rest unless their demands are met.

Western diplomats said many Kuwaitis viewed the hijacking as an affront and consider it a matter of national pride to refuse their demands.

**Endured**  
"Even if they kill all the hostages on the plane, we'll never, ever release the killers who are here in Kuwait," Al Marzouk said.

Kuwait has already endured several attempts to force the release of the 17, who were convicted in 1984. Three of them have been sentenced to death.

Another Kuwaiti jetliner was

hijacked by Lebanese extremists, believed to be related to some of the 17, in December 1984. Their demand that the 17 be freed was rejected.

Release of those imprisoned in Kuwait also has been set as a condition for freeing US hostages held by Islamic extremists in Lebanon.

**Visa**  
Kuwait even refused to issue a visa to Anglican church envoy Terry Waite when he sought a meeting to discuss his efforts to free foreign hostages in Lebanon in 1985.

The US officials who sold weapons to Iran in an attempt to free those hostages also reportedly pressed Kuwait briefly — and unsuccessfully — to release the prisoners.

Diplomats cited several reasons for Kuwait's hard line:  
● As a rich but weak country close to powerful and often hostile neighbours, it cannot afford to be seen as a target for blackmail.

● Kuwaiti officials have expressed fear that if they knuckled under they would put other nations at risk.

● A sense that national pride is at stake, something that looms large in the Middle East.

**Splits**  
● Fear that bowing to the hijackers would encourage splits between Kuwait's majority Sunni and minority Shiite Muslim sects.

Some leading Kuwaitis are

worried that, like Lebanon, Kuwait is threatened by a major outside conflict, the Iran-Iraq war.

Lebanon's civil war was triggered in part by the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Iran accuses Kuwait of aiding Iraq's war effort, and has fired missiles into Kuwait's coastal waters and inspired sabotage and bombings by Shiites in the country.

The Shiite revolution in Iran and Kuwait's support of Iraq in the Gulf war have strained relations between the Sunnis and Shiites.

Kuwait is ruled by Sunnis, but many of its Shiite minority are ethnic Iranians. Iran is predominantly Shiite.

**Defuse**

Those relations have grown touchier due to the involvement of some Kuwaiti Shiites in the bombings, and because of the government's decision to quietly move Shiites out of sensitive positions in the crucial oil industry.

Newspapers have accused the Jumbo jet hijackers of trying to divide Kuwaiti society by releasing five Kuwaiti Shiites while holding onto all the Kuwaiti Sunnis aboard the plane.

In an apparent attempt to defuse Sunni resentment, leading Shiites on Saturday held nationally televised religious services denouncing the hijacking as anti-Islamic and prayed for the hostages aboard the plane.

## Algeria urged not to allow the plane to take off

THE Kuwaiti Swimming Association have urged its Algerian counterpart to support the Kuwaiti efforts for not allowing the hijacked Kuwaiti jumbo jet (Al-Jabariyah) to leave Houari Boumedienne airport and take all measures to protect the innocent hostages.

The Kuwaiti association, in a cable sent to the Algerian Swimming Association, expressed

appreciation toward Algeria's courageous stand toward the ordeal of the hijacked aircraft.

The cable further said, on the occasion of the month of Ramadan, we urged Algerian officials to make sure that the plane would not take off from the Algerian land and to ensure the safety of the innocent passengers aboard the hijacked aircraft, who are also guests of Algeria.

The Swimming Association affirmed its rejection of terrorism and blackmail, which are against the principles of Islam and humanity. The association also affirmed its support to the Kuwaiti government's stance toward the ordeal.

**Condemned**  
Meanwhile a senior Soviet propaganda official has condemned the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner and said the air pirates, whether knowingly or not, were serving Israel's interests.

Head of the propaganda section of the Communist Party's Central Committee Oleg Fomin told Arab reporters here Monday the hijacking was designed to divert global attention from the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

He said only enemies of the Arab would benefit from such terrorist actions.

Meanwhile, deputy chief editor of the Soviet Novosti news agency Alexander Smirnov praised Kuwait's firm stance against the demands of the hijackers and said Moscow fully understands Kuwait's position.

He added that Kuwait's response to acts of terrorism is similar to measures the Soviet Union usually takes in the face of all forms of terrorism.

## Technology college graduates honoured

By Fawzi Al Tamimi

A CEREMONY to honour graduates of Kuwait's Technological Studies College for the year 1986-1987 was held recently by the college administration under the patronage of the Education Minister.

Dr Yaqoub Al Obaid, the Dean of the College, said that the college had stimulated scientific research among the staff and students.

He said that 160 female students were admitted to the college for the first time in 1986-1987, and added that the college

had hired 25 Arab and foreign professors during the same period.

Dr Abdul Rahman Al Mhailan, the Director General of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training distributed graduation certificates to the graduates at the close of the ceremony.



The audience stands as the national anthem is played before the graduation ceremony.



Dr Mhailan presents one of the graduates with his certificate.

## Gulf tour outcome positive: Rashida

ABU DHABI, April 19, (Kuna): Sudanese Social Affairs and Zakat Minister, Rashida Abdul Karim, yesterday described results of her tour in the Gulf region, which she concluded yesterday as "positive".

In an exclusive interview with Kuna prior to her departure, Rashida said that her tour, which included Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and United Arab Emirates, aimed at explaining the tough circumstances the Sudanese people are facing such as the war in the south and starvation in addition to the heavy loans which led to negative social effects.

Asking for support from the Gulf states to get over problems in Sudan was also one of the visit's goals, Rashida indicated.

The Sudanese minister pointed out that she will tour the rest of the Arab countries in the near future to initiate cooperation ties among Arab and Islamic countries.

Rashida said she was met with understanding of the Sudanese problems.

## Sheikh Zayed, Mubarak review Gulf situation

ABU DHABI, April 19, (Kuna): President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, today reached President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak by telephone, during which the two presidents exchanged views on the Gulf situation and developments in the Arab world.

Sheikh Zayed also reached President of Lebanon, Amin Gemayel, by telephone and discussed with him the situation in the Arab arena.

UAE President received congratulations from the two presidents on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan.

## Campaign to collect \$1b for charity

THE Islamic International Charity Authority started its second campaign yesterday in a bid to collect \$1 billion as donations from Muslims all over the world to use for the welfare of poor Muslims.

The charity held its first campaign in Kuwait last year under the slogan "Pay KDI to save a Muslim".

The second campaign will continue during the holy month of Ramadan.

After collecting the donations, the authority is planning to invest the money in useful projects from which it will spend

on poor Muslims.

The authority has already started some projects in a number of Islamic countries from the amounts it has already collected.

The authority called upon rich Muslims to save their brother Muslims from poverty, diseases and ignorance, factors being exploited by enemies of Islam to convert Muslims to other religions.

The authority said that Muslims should not blame these enemies as much as themselves. It stressed that anti-Islam forces had their plans and had collected many millions for activities.

## Scientific understanding

A SPECIAL programme designed to develop scientific understanding and skills in exceptional students — concluded on Monday at Kuwait Science Club.

The programme was planned in cooperation with the Gulf Cooperation Council's Education Ministries and was supervised by Kuwait's Education Minister.

Areas of agriculture, astronomy, computer science, chemistry and meteorology were covered in an effort to prepare students for special camps which will be organised in the future.

## Queen stops over in Bahrain

BAHRAIN, April 19, (Reuters): Britain's Queen Elizabeth made a one-hour stopover at Bahrain airport yesterday on her way to Australia, a British embassy spokesman said.

The queen and her husband Prince Philip were met by the Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Sulman and other top Bahraini officials, the official Gulf News Agency reported.

## Loqman stresses role of schools

THE director of Ahmadi Educational area, Abdullah Al Loqman, said schools represented the community in preparing students properly for life.

In an interview with the Kuwait Teachers Society journal, Al Mualim (the teacher), he called for handling delinquency among students by setting up remedial programmes. He added that this required an integrated scheme to be set up in cooperation with concerned authorities to study the social psychological and emotional requirements of youths.

He called on Arab educational authorities to upgrade the quality of the Arab teacher by establishing institutes and colleges for training teachers and by improving the training programmes.

He praised the role of the educational conferences sponsored by the Kuwait Teachers Society in supporting education.

## King Fahd contacts Arab leaders

RIYADH, April 19, (Kuna): King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz last night contacted over the telephone HH the Amir of Kuwait, President Chadli Ben Jedid of Algeria and Libyan leader, Moammar Gaddafi.

The Saudi Press Agency reported that the contacts between King Fahd and Arab leaders "fall within the framework of continuous consultations."

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audience

HH the Amir received on Tuesday HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

### Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations yesterday to the President of Zimbabwe on the occasion of his country's National Day.

### Hussein contacts Amir

HH the Amir yesterday received a telephone call from King Hussein of Jordan, during which discussions centered on the latest developments on the Arab front.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Major powers accused of ignoring hijack

A KUWAITI newspaper accused major powers yesterday of turning a blind eye to the two-week-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner because their citizens were not hostages.

Al-Watan said big powers would have reacted if their nationals were among the estimated 31 captives on the Kuwait Airways plane of Algiers.

"Doomsday would have happened and soldiers would have prepared and the Western media would have influenced world opinion against these criminals," Al-Watan said.

"They (the major powers) are ready to stop what affects them, but others are not worth anything... the souls of our martyrs are not worth a thing for those who claim to support freedom and combat terrorism."

The Arab hijackers killed two Kuwaiti passengers during a stop at Larnaca, Cyprus, to press for more fuel. They want Kuwait to release 17 Arab militants imprisoned for bomb attacks in 1983.

But Kuwait has refused to meet their demands and was praised by the United States and Britain for doing so.

Most, if not all, of the remaining hostages aboard the plane are Kuwaitis. Europeans, Asians and Arabs were among 57 non-Kuwaiti hostages released in northeast Iran in the first days of the hijacking.

Diplomats have said Kuwait does not have the military resources to storm the plane and rescue the remaining captives, who include three members of the ruling Al Sabah family.

### Hijacking set to end in 24 hours

KUWAIT'S Al-Qabas newspaper said yesterday the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner of Algiers airport was set to end in 24 hours with the release of all hostages.

"The crisis of the plane is on its way to being resolved within the coming 24 hours," the paper quoted unidentified informed sources as saying.

It said no details were available of how the 15-day ordeal would end but the release of the estimated 31 hostages was guaranteed. It said Kuwait would not have to bow to the demands of the gunman, who want Kuwait to release 17 Arab militants imprisoned for bomb attacks in December 1983.

Kuwait has refused to give in to the hijackers, who on Monday forced a terrified member of the Kuwaiti ruling family to broadcast a statement in which he promised the release of the 17.

"The expected resolution of the hijacking is a result of intensive efforts by Kuwait, including high-level contacts with some Arab States," Al-Qabas said.

HH the Amir of Kuwait contacted Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on Monday following talks by telephone with the leaders of Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia on Sunday.

### Penetrating the Arab front

KUWAITI newspaper Al Rai Al Aam yesterday said that those who planned the hijacking of the Kuwaiti plane target the Iraq-Iran war, the Palestinian uprising and Arab security.

The paper noted that during the hijacking operation of the Kuwaiti airliner the Israeli intelligence (Mossad) killed one of the key figures behind the Palestinian uprising (Yusuf Al Wazir) and Iran laid mines in the international water lanes in the Arabian Gulf, which Washington considers a provocation against its presence in the Gulf.

The daily stressed that Kuwait, which firmly refuses to submit to the hijackers' demands, sternly confronts the penetration of the Arab front by a group of hijackers who despise Kuwait.

The paper asserted that Kuwait has affirmed through the hijacking ordeal that it is not an easy prey.

### Complaints about telephone bills

KUWAIT'S Communications Ministry has asked citizens and expatriates who have complaints or questions about their telephone bills to contact the ministry from now until the end of June.

The ministry said subscribers can raise questions about bills within six months of the date the bill was issued.

Subscribers will be allowed to check the ministry files and to make local or overseas calls to verify bills in question.

### AI regulates air fares

AIR-INDIA has requested the cooperation of passengers and travel agents in its efforts to "regulate air fares" and implement the IATA fares, effective from May 1, an AI press release said.

"No market priced tickets will be issued from April 20 for proper accounting purposes," it said.

Air-India will "apply published IATA fares on all tickets and PTAs issued in Kuwait."

Passengers who have purchased tickets and intend to travel after May 1 have been asked to contact the airline or travel agent to get "new tickets issued at the IATA fare levels."

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The owner of the car said that a small boy came to him and told

him that he had seen his car roll slowly back into the hole.

Elderly people in the area said that the hole is where a well used to be located. Others said that water leakage from a broken underground water pipe caused the ground to cave in.



Passers-by take a look at the 17-metre deep hole that was formed when land caved in in the Dhahar area recently.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

**Bulgarian Art Show**  
An exhibition of contemporary applied arts in Bulgaria is being held at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque. Open daily, except Friday, from 8 am to 12 noon and 7 to 10 pm, until April 21.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
Ramadan, timings are 9-12 noon and 7-10.30 pm.

SOCIAL

**Kumustahan**  
The next Filipino get-together (Kumustahan) will be held from 6 to 9 pm on April 29 at the Church Hall. All Filipinos are welcome. Snacks will be served.

**Ifar Party**  
The Bangladesh Association will hold an Ifar Party on April 21 at the Bangladesh Embassy premises. All Bangladeshis are invited.

**KLT**  
St. Georges Day Informal, on April 21 at 8 pm. For members and guests. Tel: 3985964 or 3982739.

**Alumni get-together**  
The T.K.M. College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

**Solar Energy**  
A lecture-cum-discussion on solar energy application will be given by Dr. R.K. Suri and Gopal P. Rameshwar, at the IAC Hall, Fumaites, on April 21, 7.30 pm. For entry passes contact IAC Manager, Mohani, 6 to 9 pm.

SPORTS

**Palangang Filipino**  
There will be a meeting of all tennis participants in the Filipino Mini-Olympics at 6 pm on April 28 at Mabuhay Restaurant. All Filipinos are invited. For details contact Boog Malencio — 4877793.

**Raft Race**  
The second captains' meeting of the second Kuwait Annual Raft Race will be held on Tuesday, April 26, at 8 pm in Al Foz Suite, Messian Restaurant.

**Rugby Club**  
Club shirts, as ordered, now available from Joo Evans. Tel: 5339867 to arrange delivery. The Club's A.G.M. is on May 10, Tuesday, 7.30 pm at the Gazelle Club.

HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 2 am. Sample Oriental delicacies including fowl and falafel at the Ramadan Diwanija for breakfast (Ifar).

THEATRE

**Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance**  
The company will present two ballets "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" from April 25 to 29, 8.30 pm nightly, at the Mousetrap Theatre, NES, Jahriya. Tickets — KD 4. From Saturday, April 9, the box office at Mousetrap will be open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

VIDEO CORNER

Making the right choice

By Gail Seery

ANY woman who has ever had to make the choice between her career and her children will appreciate Baby Boom — which could effectively be subtitled "Annie Hall grows up." Diane Keaton plays the central character J.C. Wyatt with exactly the same bemused dotiness as she portrayed in the film which made her a household name.

J.C. is a very successful business woman who graduated from Yale at the top of her class and took her MBA at Harvard. As the film opens she is totally wedded to her job, being tempted to become a partner in her company — a promotion which would carry with it even longer hours than she already works. Fritz, her boss, has only one reservation about offering her the position — the obvious one that she is a woman, and that, like all women, she is expected to marry, have children and be less inclined to spend each and every one of her waking hours working.

J.C. is adamant that this is not ever going to be a problem. She is certain that she will ever marry her live-in investment banker boyfriend, and is just not tempted by the thought of children.

She doesn't exactly change her mind. That is done for her by force of circumstances. A distant cousin, her only living relative, dies and leaves her his tiny daughter Elizabeth. Although J.C. decides immediately that she will put the baby up for adoption, when it comes to the moment she cannot go through with it, and tries to merge her



J.C. Wyatt (Diane Keaton) struggles with a child wriggling under her arm in Baby Boom.

occasionally cranky mothers of New York. Her first introduction to the preschool/nursery syndrome is a shock. One mother's child has failed to get into the most prestigious playgroup in the city. "If she doesn't get in to the right playgroup, she's not going to get in to the right kindergarten. If she doesn't get into a good kindergarten I can forget about a good prep school and any hope of an Ivy League College."

One by one, her boyfriend and her friends desert her, and she finds that a pushchair renders her totally invisible to old friends or colleagues, and places her at the bottom of the New York social ladder. Like other women she has to learn what it is to struggle everywhere with a wriggling child under her arm, and that working 15 hours a day is now a luxury.

At work she finds herself elbowed aside by ambitious colleagues, and given a less demanding, less prestigious role in the company. She prefers to bow out.

Ultimately she finds success in a completely new field where her commitments to the amazingly placid Elizabeth are not a burden but an advantage. She finally has the chance to walk right back into her old life in a stronger and more lucrative position, but turns the opportunity down. Ah, wouldn't it be lovely if life was always like that?

Baby Boom is an entertaining and endearing film. While it's not riotously funny, it is very effectively done, and if you like Diane Keaton this film is very much worth seeing.

A symphony of movement

By Shaun Seekins

IN *Platoon*, Oliver Stone set out to portray the Vietnam war as it was seen through the eyes of a young soldier, Kubrick in his latest masterpiece, *Full Metal Jacket*, however, gives an impressionistic if somewhat sarcastic view of the American marines, in his training and exposure to battle.

The first segment of the film is devoted to the documentation of the training of recruits at the US Marines' Parris Island Boot Camp. Here, in a stark white, well ordered womb, the "maggots" (recruits) are stripped of their individual identities, forbidden to speak unless spoken to, and rechristened under such names as "Joker," "Fatso" and "Dogpucke." Kubrick comes into his own, turning the basic training into a symphony of movement, so keyed to the cadence of drill sergeant Lee Erney's nonstop tongue that one half expects the audience to join in the push-ups.

Once the film moves to Vietnam, we find the all too familiar pseudo-documentary format, the war as seen through the eyes of Pvt. Joker (Matthew Mondine). The order of Parris Island is replaced by a chaotic rubble of burned out buildings and sniper attacks. But, like the war it depicts, the film loses some of its focus, and returns again and again to stock characters and sequences. The

trigger-happy helicopter gunner from *Apocalypse Now* is resurrected and an extended documentary TV interview seems to have been borrowed from an episode of *M\*A\*S\*H*. This has been lauded as the definitive Vietnam war film but I think it will have a difficult task: trying to overtake *Platoon* at the box office.

Broadcast News is a smoothly moving story that takes us behind the scenes of an American network news programme based in Washington. But, unlike *Network* or *Wrong is Right*, it is not an indictment of the media. Through its premise that network news is in danger of becoming more matinee than muckraking, its satire is gentle, more along the line of the Mary Tyler Moore Show, which producer-director James Brooks also wrote. The characters in *Broadcast News* are either hardworking nice guys or amusingly self-serving. None of the high-powered ruthless media executives here (with the exception of a brief appearance by Jack Nicholson).

It is the relationship between the three central characters that make the film. Holly Hunter is a petite, dynamic news producer whose best friend is Albert Brooks, a smart unpolished field reporter. William Hurt plays a not particularly intelligent anchorman whose good looks and screen presence



A scene from Full Metal Jacket.

have moved him from small town sports announcer to network reporter. Good acting by all the principals, and, although the ending may not be to everyone's satisfaction, we are encouraged to care and hope that everyone gets their just rewards.

Campaign is a new best-seller about the highly charged and exciting life in a top advertising agency, set mainly in London. It is the story of Sarah Copeland, the agency's creative director and of the problems she has to contend with in her personal and business lives. The government has just called an election, and the fictional agency has the job of putting together a vote-catching campaign to get it re-elected. Sarah has the task of creating a pitch that will convince the governing party of her agency's suitability to run the campaign.

Several new dramas this week including *Laguna Heat* starring Harry Hamlin and Jason Robards. Basketball continues with *Bulls vs Pistons* and *Lakers vs Utah*. New thrillers include *Probe* and *Mission Terminate*. Children's films are *Challenge of the Gobots* and *Centurions* — Battle Beneath the Sea.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Tan Tan: "Rahlat Al Qamar" Cartoons
- 1.30 Magazine D'Actualite
- 2.00 Op. Ramadan: episode four
- 2.30 Historical serial
- 3.35 Dukkan Al Duniya: daily serial, starring Muna Wasef, Mohammed Al Ibadi, Jeyana Eid.
- 5.30 Hadith Deeo: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Ifar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Qharing, Maryam Ghadhan, Jassim Nabhan, Huda Hussain.
- 7.45 With Students: Quiz Show
- 8.30 Folklore: presented by Mohammad Mutairi.
- 9.10 Deirat Al Khair: on

KTV 2

- 9.30 Ramadan Contests
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 Iz'aj: daily serial, featuring Ghanem Al Saleh, Zainah Dahi, Maryam Ghadhan, Dawood Hussein
- 12.00 Late Night Serial
- 1.00 Variety Show
- 2.30 News Summary/Imask/ Holy Quran/Closedown
- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 The Adventures of Gummi Bears: cartoons
- 8.30 Growing Pains: "Higher Education" Jason promises to take Mike skating only if he gets good grades. Mike has other plans
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.40 Islamic Horizon

- 9.50 Islam and Muslims Around the World
- 10.30 J.J. Starbuck: "The Circle is Broken." A religious heretic incites a follower to kill his own father. Starbuck investigates the crime.
- 11.30 Wildlife on One: "Birds of the Sun God." A look at humming birds.
- 12.00 Sledge Hammer: Sledge's brother arrives in town. But is he really family?
- 12.30 Private Eye: a policeman is fired after being allegedly involved in a robbery. Later he is killed. His brother vows to take revenge.
- 1.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

English

- MORNING
- 08.00 Opening
- 08.02 Songs and Music
- 08.05 Writers and Poets in Arabic
- 08.10 Literature
- 08.20 Songs and Music
- 08.30 News
- 08.40 Songs and Music
- 08.45 Daily Programme
- 09.00 Golden Collection
- 09.30 Album Tracks
- 10.00 Our Press Today
- 10.05 Songs and Music
- 11.00 Closedown
- 13.30 News on FM Service
- Evening
- 21.00 Opening
- 21.02 Pop Scene
- 21.30 News
- 21.45 Point of View
- 21.55 Songs and Music
- 22.15 Musical Celebrities
- 22.45 Daily Programme
- 23.00 Soul With A Beat
- 23.30 Choice of the Week
- 24.00 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newscast
- 30 Music Now
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Folk in Britain (ex 8th and 22nd Jazz Scene UK)
- 45 Talking From... (ex 1st Education Today)
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary

PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.52 am
- Zuhr 11.47
- Asr 3.22 pm
- Maghreb 6.18
- Isha 7.39

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- Salmiya and Rumaitiya
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- Fhailan
- Al Wahda Pharmacy
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- Al Khalid Pharmacy
- Opp. Cooperative Society

RADIO PROGRAMMES

- 15 Tech Talk
- 30 Citizens
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 The Vintage Chart Show
- 0400 Newscast
- 30 Country Style
- 45 Reflections
- 30 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Education Today (ex 1st the Wondrous Cross)
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 News Desk
- 30 Meridian
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 John Peel
- 1800 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Nature Notebook
- 1500 Radio Newscast
- 45 (ex 1st and 2nd) The Kingfisher — Parts 1 and 2; 15th Feature: 22nd Drum; 29th The Moroccan Conquest
- 1600 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Science to Action
- 45 The World Today

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- Wartime
- Starring: David Blake, Debra Kell
- Al Salmiya
- Wise Guys
- Starring: Danny de Vito
- Al Hama
- Born American
- Starring: Mike Norris, Steve Durham
- Drive-In
- Baob Nasar (Arabic)
- Starring: Bosi, Najwa Fuad, Magdi Wahba
- Al Firdous
- Insaaf Ki Pukar (Hindi)
- Starring: Dharmendra, Anita Raj, Jeetendra.
- Bhanu Priya
- Fahadhel Open-Air
- Ram Baaram (Hindi)
- Starring: Dharmendra, Al Fahadhel
- Rajal Fi Did Al Kaooon (Arabic)
- Al Jahra
- Tiger Joe
- Granada
- Al Marah Wai Kanoon (Arabic)
- Salsibikat
- Kaiyehum Doorathu (Malayalam)
- Al Jleeb
- A Little Shop of Horrors
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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

FOR every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness—Ralph Waldo Emerson, US writer (1803-1882).

## OPINION

## Iran taught a good lesson

THE forces of Saddam Hussein attacked Iranian positions on Faw to liberate the peninsula from Iran and to show that temporary occupation of a piece of land does not mean victory. In military science invading forces cannot be considered the final victors.

Eight years of fierce battles should have been a good enough lesson for Iran to realise that it was not easy to defeat Iraq.

During these eight years, Iranian losses and casualties have been much higher than those of Iraq, in spite of the fact that Iran has the advantages of geographic and human resources in addition to huge sums of money with which they can purchase arms.

Iraq showed heroic courage for eight years and has achieved many victories. With each victory, Iraq reaffirmed its desire for peace. In contrast, Iran has become more stubborn with each defeat, in spite of the thousands of casualties among its armed forces.

Saddam Hussein's forces recaptured the Faw peninsula in a record time, wiping out a number of Iranian troops.

Iran thought that by attacking the northern part of the warfront, Saddam would forget about Faw. By requiring Iraq to spread out its forces, Iran thought Iraq would be unable to liberate its lands.

Iran forgot an important fact: the quality of the people and the leadership against whom they are fighting. Had they known the true quality of Saddam and his soldiers, the Iranian strategy would have been quite different.

The occupying forces of Faw thought they could enjoy the peninsula's waters for a permanent swimming spot. But the holy month of Ramadan brought good news for the people of Iraq. The liberation of Faw under the banner "Ramadan Mubarak" has blessed the observance of Ramadan.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## First round of presidential polls next week

## French wonder if elections will make any difference

By Mort Rosenblum

LE FORNET, France, (AP): From the crumbling manor he shares with his sheep, Adolphe Bonnevie frowns into his field glasses at a France caught between Star Wars and Louis XIV. He is not cheered by the presidential campaign around him.

"What will change, whoever wins?" asked the aging farmer, expressing a common view of the likely re-election of Francois Mitterrand. "What changed in the last seven years? More unemployment, the same problems."

In Paris, lawyer Alain Spilliaer made a similar point: "People believed in ideologies in 1981. They elected Mitterrand as a Socialist, to bring about change. Now they see their problems are beyond ideology. They'll vote for a person, not a party."

Across France, people echo Bonnevie's concerns over jobs, technological competition, agriculture, education and urban problems. Few are willing to express more than guarded optimism.

Unemployment is 10.5 per cent. Last year's trade deficit of

\$5.5 billion was 60 times higher than in 1986. Economic growth of 2 per cent a year lags far behind Britain's.

But more, Frenchmen see an erosion of culture and a breaking down of the fabled art of living which once set France apart. Old roots are dying, and new growth is too sparse.

Around villages like Le Fornet, tucked away in a back corner of the French Alps, the "crisis" takes tangible shape.

Bonnevie owns most of the village, old stone buildings, cobblestones and a patchwork of fields. He sits in the sun and trains his binoculars on passersby. Most are in ski clothes.

Le Fornet is three miles (5.4 kms) from Val D'Isere which, preparing for the 1992 winter Olympics, has hurried itself into the space age.

A sleek train rockets skiers straight through the mountain, in the top of La Daille. Val D'Isere's relaxed little main plaza has vanished below a gigantic hotel-mall.

The last remnants of the past, a stone home built in 1642, a generation before Louis XIV, the sun king, are hardly visible amid



Francois Mitterrand

a forest of garish signs.

Not far away, in Lyon, the heart of old-style France, a conflict of ages is evident in the modern, new neighbourhood called Part Dieu.

Futuristic trains cut the old time in half, to two hours, from Paris to Lyon's high-tech Part Dieu station. But the Hertz car rental office closes four hours for Sunday lunch.

Campaign posters cover every flat surface of Part Dieu, but few people questioned in the street say they think any of the can-

didates can make headway against underlying problems.

Most pictures show the jovial face of Raymond Barre, Lyon's favourite son, who warns that any serious economic recovery will take at least two years of job retraining.

His rival conservative for the chance to run against Mitterrand in the May 8 runoff is Premier Jacques Chirac, who argues roughly the same thing with a flashier style.

## Pollution

Posters also tout arch-conservative Jean-Marie Le Pen, who argues foreign cultural pollution is taking France from the French. As a dark horse, his ads call him: "L'Otisier."

"It makes no difference," said Andre Duranton, a Lyon driver who prefers sports to politics. "All of them want the same thing." He patted his wallet pocket. "They clean up, and then they go."

A malaise was reflected in L'Express magazine. A poll found 54 per cent of a sample of the nation's elite thought France was in decline.

There have been constant references in the presidential

campaign to shoring up French grandeur, though no candidate makes a point of France's decline.

"France will be united only if it is a France which moves, creates, produces," Mitterrand said recently.

Chirac's speeches are peppered with remarks about restoring "the greatness of France."

But slogans aside, the country is finding it costly to retain the grandeur of Charles de Gaulle's defiant defence and foreign policies.

France is quietly moving closer to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Recently, 1,000 US Marines from the Sixth Fleet came ashore for a two-week exercise, the first on French soil since 1966.

Economically, France is to blend into a unified European system by 1992. "Our motherland is France, but our future is Europe," Mitterrand put it.

Less easily defined signs indicate a concern that traditional French values and tastes are at risk.

Le Pen's main plank is to send home immigrants, fuelling

racism among those who worry that two million people of North African extraction will curdle the melting pot.

Authorities reacted stiffly to a white paper on racism in France by the Dutch Anne Frank Foundation. But foreigners, particularly with darker skins, say Le Pen reflects growing sentiments.

In Paris, a Portuguese cab-driver, who asked to be called only Jorge, said that in 27 years in France, he had never seen worse racism.

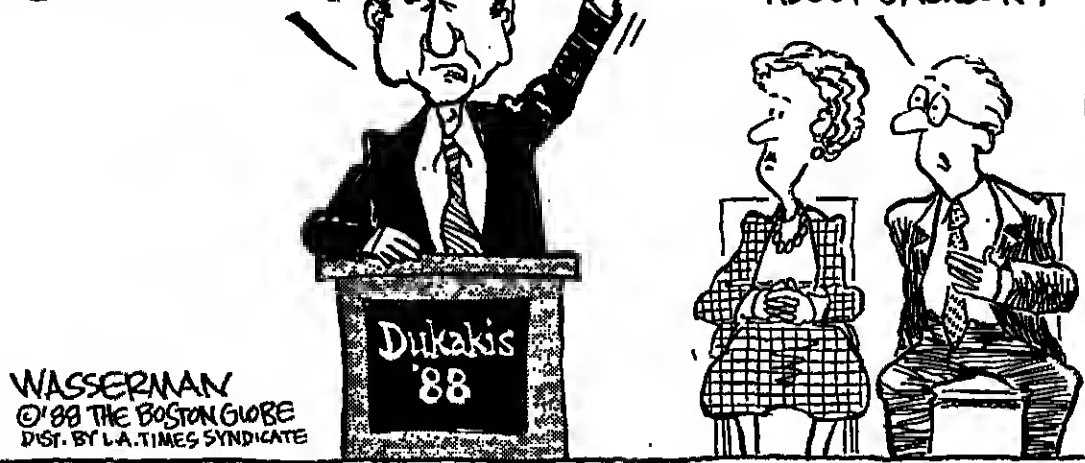
"If your face doesn't fit their prejudices, you are miserable," he said. "The young generation is even more rotten. They just elbow you aside, without a word."

## Protest

Ironically, Le Pen's far right National Front has taken votes from the Communist Party, replacing the old left as the place for disgruntled workers to register their protest.

Even dyed-in-the-wool communist supporters expect their candidate to poll less than 7 per cent, half of their 1981 showing and less than a third of their high-water mark after World War II.

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## US responds quickly to Iranian mine threat

By Norman Black

WASHINGTON, (AP): The government quickly decided last week that, if it could find evidence Iran planted the mine that almost sank a US Navy frigate, it would use military force to retaliate, officials said on Monday.

Top aides to President Ronald Reagan also recommended, however, the retaliation be "proportionate" and not involve any direct action against Iranian installations on land, the officials said.

The result was a simultaneous attack Monday morning on two Iranian offshore platforms.

"The frame of reference was pretty well established from the very beginning," said one of the officials, who like the others agreed to discuss the matter only if not identified.

"We knew something had to be done, but there were not a lot of options considered."

We had had some of their ships mined before, and we were pretty much the only thing we considered this time, another source said.

Protect  
"We're walking a line here of trying to protect freedom of navigation in international waters. These platforms have been used to support attacks on commercial shipping. We also need congressional support and international support. We're not trying to directly immerse ourselves in the Iran-Iraq war."

The latest confrontation with Iran began last Thursday when the frigate Samuel B. Roberts struck an underwater mine in the central Gulf just hours after successfully shepherding an oil tanker in Kuwait. Ten sailors were injured, although the crew managed to save the ship.

By the time Reagan met with his top security aides on Friday, "it had been established conclusively that this was an Iranian mine and that it had been deliberately planted and was not a drifter," one source said.

Defence Secretary Frank C. Carlucci said on Monday there was "no doubt" the mine had been sown by Iran. Citing a match of serial numbers on the explosives with earlier captured mines, he added: "It is very clear that they are new mines of Iranian manufacture."

Reagan, after another briefing on Sunday night, gave the final go-ahead for the retaliatory mission.

## Chronology

Here is a chronology of events on Monday in the Gulf as described by the US Defence Department:

0501 GMT: US Central Command reports warning issued to Sassan and Sirri oil platforms.

0505 GMT: US Central Command reports Sassan abandoning slowly.

0517 GMT: Commenced fire on Sassan, followed by "check fire" order to allow evacuation.

0532 GMT: Wainwright confirms fire on Sirri.

0625 GMT: Both Sirri platforms reported neutralised.

0639 GMT: Marines aboard Sassan.

0815 GMT: USS Simpson's helicopter, in the vicinity of Sirri, is fired on by three speedboats.

0846 GMT: US registered ship, Will Tide, reported under fire in Mubarak oil field.

0901 GMT: An Iranian patrol boat closes to within 10 nautical miles of the Wainwright; Commander advises patrol boat to break off course and stay away or be taken under fire.

0915 GMT: Wainwright orders patrol boat to abandon ship. Patrol boat returns fire.

0922 GMT: Wainwright engages two P-4's with standard surface-to-air missiles.

1010 GMT: US Central Command confirms successful missile attack against patrol boat.

1015 GMT: Sassan platform neutralised by demolitions.

1026 GMT: Panamanian-flagged ship, Scan Bay, reported under attack by Iranian helicopter.

termer Mubarak oil field with 15 Americans aboard.

1113 GMT: US Central Command reports patrol boat identified as the Joshua, has sunk.

1126 GMT: US Central Command reports A-6 has attacked small boats in Mubarak oil field. Damage assessment: One Bopham destroyed, one disabled, one unknown.

1159 GMT: Iranian frigate Sahand receives multiple warnings to turn back and not engage US forces. Sahand ignores these warnings.

1224 GMT: First Harpoon missile from an A-6 hits the Sahand.

1241 GMT: A-6's score direct hit on Sahand with laser-guided bombs.

1243 GMT: A Harpoon missile from the USS Strauss scores direct hit on the Sahand.

1306 GMT: Damage assessment for Sahand: large hole starboard side, listing heavily to starboard, superstructure in flames, life boats in water.

1417 GMT: Iranian frigate Sabalan fires surface-to-surface missile at the Strauss, Jack Williams and O'Brien and misses. Also fires a surface-to-air missile at A-6's overhead.

1418 GMT: Sabalan suffers a direct hit with a laser-guided bomb fired by an A-6.

1605 GMT: Sabalan damage assessment: taking on water. Down by stern, two tugs attending, an oil slick at the fantail.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1528 — Truce is signed between Britain and the Netherlands to ease commercial crisis.

1534 — Elizabeth Barton, the maid of Kent, is executed in England with five of her associates for treason.

1792 — France declares war on Austria.

1854 — Austria and Prussia conclude defensive alliance against Russia.

1919 — King Nicholas is dethroned in Montenegro, which votes for union with Serbo-Slovene-Croat state (Yugoslavia).

1923 — Egyptian constitution is adopted.

1945 — Soviet forces penetrate Berlin defences in World War II.

1957 — United States resumes aid to Israel; Japan protests to Soviet Union over nuclear tests.

1959 — United Federal Party wins northern Rhodesia elections, and African National Congress is suppressed.

1970 — President Richard M. Nixon announces withdrawal of 150,000 US military personnel from South Vietnam.

1972 — US Apollo 16 astronauts make safe landing on moon.

1978 — Soviet fighter planes force off-course South Korean airliner down in Soviet Union near Arctic circle.

1986 — Giant irrigation reservoir bursts and floods Sri Lanka town, leaving at least 100 people feared dead and up to 20,000 families homeless.

1978 — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat calls for sovereign Palestinian state "with Jerusalem as its capital."

By Patrick Moser

MALKA DAKA, Kenya, (UPI): However bloody, it was not just another African massacre. Here in the harsh bushlands of northern Kenya it helped rekindle ancient tribal feuds.

The slaying of 15 Boran tribesmen recently by rival ethnic Somali nomads reflects the bitter tribal rivalries that still divide much of Africa.

All over a continent consolidated into nations by colonial powers only 100 years ago, nomads are finding it increasingly hard to adapt to artificial boundaries. Burgeoning population growth rapidly increases the demand on often scarce land and water.

Against this background was a traditional "feast for the dead" at Malka Daka, a cluster of wood and hide huts 220 miles north of Nairobi, for victims of the massacre.

Intense grief mixed with smouldering anger on the proud, statuesque face of Harma Abduba Kiya as she prayed in Islamic fashion for her dead brother.

## Killed

Tume Diba Sharuma saw her only son killed by the raiders.

"The attackers clubbed the men at the back of the head," she said. "Then they turned them over and speared them... they also raped one young girl."

Survivors said the Somali raiders armed with guns and Kalashnikov assault rifles took 2,000 goats and sheep, the traditional wealth of the Boran nomads, whose sole weapon is the spear.

## Mass killings reflect Africa's tribal ills

"They slaughtered some goats and made one woman brew tea for them," said Shabuma. "They cooked the meat themselves and ate the meat like it was a feast."

The Borans believe the attack was part of a plan by one large Somali group to push them out of the grazing lands of Isiolo district to the even drier extreme north of the country.

"There is increasing competition for resources as pastures become more and more degraded," said Daniel Stiles, a United Nations expert in Nairobi who studies nomads in Africa. Kenya has the fastest-growing population in the world.

For nomadic tribesmen who travel Africa's most arid lands, a few acres of vaguely green land can mean the difference between life and death. And as competition for pastures increases, old feuds are remembered.

## Fighting

"The Borans and the Somalis have never been friends," said the relative of one massacre victim. "We have never accepted one another."

Spontaneous fighting between the two nomadic groups goes back as far as anyone can remember.

But local tribesmen said clashes had become increasingly bloody over the past decade as ethnic Somalis acquired rapid-fire rifles from clan members living across the border in Somalia.

"You don't kill so many if you fight with spears," said a local community leader. "It is different once you have guns."

## Loyalties

In the heady days of immediate post-independence, African leaders talked of national cohesion and unity. The future looked promising. But today, tribal loyalties seem to override any sense of nationalism in most countries.

Few find fault with this in Africa, where the tribe is usually seen as an extension of the clan, itself an extension of the family.

Members are expected to look after each other. If one member has power, he will be expected to ensure his fellow-tribesmen get an above-average share of the fruits of independence.

Minority tribes complain no development funds are allotted to their home regions and that they cannot get good jobs.

Usually no African official will admit the existence of bitter tribal divisions. In Kenya, talk of tribalism verges on sedition, as does any verbal attack on President Daniel Arap Moi's Kalenjin tribe.

## Catholics in west Belfast despair over high unemployment

By Edith M. Lederer

BELFAST, (AP): For 23-year-old Ciaran Hall, finding a job has become an impossible dream.

"All my life, I've been unemployed," said Hall, a Roman Catholic whose entire life has been caught up in the violence of Belfast. "I've tried everything now to get a job. I even tried to be a street-cleaner. But there doesn't seem much likelihood. There's too much prejudice."

Northern Ireland's overall jobless rate is 17 per cent — nearly double mainland Britain's. Catholics, who comprise 40 per cent of the province's 1.5 million population, suffer 2 1/2 times more unemployment than Protestants.

In mainly Catholic West Belfast, unemployment is about 47 per cent with pockets as high as 86 per cent for young men.

The British government is

under pressure from local community and religious leaders, the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) and the Irish government to tackle unemployment and urban decay in West Belfast.

## Jobs

They argue that the area is a recruiting ground for the outlawed Irish Republican Army because many of its 100,000 residents have no jobs, live in poor housing and are in constant friction with the security forces.

The government has drafted legislation to stamp out bias by making companies monitor the religious makeup of their work forces and threatening criminal charges against those who make insufficient effort to recruit minority workers.

But the laws will not come into effect before next year, and critics say they are not tough enough.

The IRA, fighting to end Brit-

ish rule and unite the province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic, regards factories, shops and offices as legitimate targets, attacking dozens even in their West Belfast stronghold. The fire-blackened shells of the Lake Glen Hotel and a number of stores in the heart of the district stand as reminders of past IRA gasoline-bomb attacks.

## Support

"People turn to paramilitary organisations in desperation, only when they are a last option," said SDLP spokesman Dan Keenan. "If you do give them a chance — treat them with decency, humanity, and give them jobs. I think you will find support for the IRA withering away."

The Rev. Matthew Wallace told mourners at the funeral of a Catholic man killed by a Protestant extremist that the nation's leaders must stop talking and do

something to alleviate the "great deprivation" in West Belfast.

Northern Ireland secretary Tom King, Britain's chief minister in the province, said this month that the government is working on proposals for the economic regeneration of West Belfast but details have not been disclosed.

While the focus would be on alleviating Catholic unemployment, West Belfast includes one of the most deprived and militant Protestant neighbourhoods in the city, the Shankill Road, which would also benefit.

SDLP politician Dr Joe Hendron told a news conference that the party has discussed the initiative with senior civil servants. Hendron was defeated in 1987 for the West Belfast seat in Britain's House of Commons by Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein.

He called for an initial £50-million (\$92.5 million) invest-

ment in west Belfast as part of £100-million (\$185-million) "marshalling plan" for the area over the next five years.

One proposal before the government would finance the creation of up to 20 companies, employing 30 to 50 people each, which would be owned initially by the West Belfast Enterprise Board.

"We hope that if we can prove that business can operate safely in the area that we will be able to entice outside investment into west Belfast," said John Carlin, a board member who teaches at the College of Business Studies.

West Belfast's major employer is the Royal Victoria Hospital. The area never had an industrial infrastructure and its old textile and spinning factories stand idle. The only two major government-subsidised businesses in west Belfast — the US Delorean Auto Company and Strathern Audio Ventures — both failed.

The government has financed various youth training programmes, but surveys show that more than 80 per cent of the trainees fail to get jobs when the courses end.

Ciaran Hall said he was forced to quit a brick-laying course after being hit between his eyes by a police plastic bullet in 1981.

## Course

He said he completed a three-month tool-making course run by a private company in 1986 but wasn't kept on.

"The company was in a Protestant area and a great many of the instructors were Protestant. I was a Catholic so I didn't have much chance," he said in an interview outside the welfare office in West Belfast.

"These last two years, I've done nothing, just walked the streets and sat in the house — that's it. It's depressing... I would do anything at all. You name it, I'd do it," he said.

Arabic



By Kathy Cuddihy

A NEIGHBOUR phoned me the other day and announced that she was organising a street sale. Anyone interested in getting rid of their accumulated "junk" could try selling it at her "Thursday morning extravaganza". She asked if I would like to join in.

"Unfortunately I have a doctor's appointment that morning, but it's really too good an opportunity to miss. Would you mind if the children manned a small table for me?"

"Not at all," came her neighbourly reply. "I'll keep an eye on them and give them some help if they need it."

After some reflection, I decided that instead of just trying to sell my old rejects, it might give the kids more incentive if a few of their own things were included. As a further inducement, I promised them they could keep the money from anything they sold that belonged to them. That certainly lit up their little eyes.

The light dimmed noticeably, however, when I pointed out that they would have to go through their rooms and sort out what they wanted to keep and what they wanted to sell.

"You must be kidding. Mom. That's almost the same as cleaning them. Since you volunteered us for the sale, it's really only fair that you get all the stuff together."

It never ceases to amaze me how democratic children become when it's decided in their favour. Nevertheless, I held my ground... or almost.

"Look, guys, if you expect to earn any money from this, participation is vital. For you that comes in two parts: participation in sorting and participation in selling. But I tell you what I'll do: I'll help you. We'll sort out things together."

My son showed an encouragingly positive reaction to this magnanimous offer. He's still at the stage where he likes my company. My daughter, on the other hand, paled at the thought of me going through her mishmash of personal treasures.

"There's absolutely nothing in my room that I want to get rid of, Mom, but I'll be the one and only person to verify the fact."

Relieved on one health-threatening chore, Kieran and I thus retired to the mad confusion he likes to call his bedroom. For while progress was remarkably good, Kieran

## Learning to mind my own business



displayed none of Tara's emotional attachment to old candy wrappers, broken whistles or rock fragments. We had thrown out at least as much as we saved for the sale before interest began to flag — his a little more noticeably than mine.

"Come on, boy-o. Remember that if you want any money out of this, you have to earn it."

We finished at last, although some of us finished an awful lot sooner than others. Then, late on Wednesday night, it occurred to me that everything still had

to be priced. Common sense told me I couldn't rely on my entrepreneurs for that sort of thing: they would either rob or be robbed, and neither situation appealed to me.

At an hour far too early for weekend, I rose and patiently priced all the bits and pieces. The children timed their rising to coincide with my completion of the task.

Admittedly they did help carry all the paraphernalia to our neighbour's garden where I got them set up.

"I don't want to burden you, kids, but if you could try to sell this box of paperbacks that would give me a bit more cupboard space. Thanks. And have fun." With those parting words I dashed off to my doctor's appointment.

When I returned a couple of hours later, the children greeted me with great excitement.

"I made a fortune," shouted my surprised son as he gleefully showed a fistful of notes under my nose.

"I got a nearly new wardrobe," cried my delighted daughter as she proudly paraded her fashionable cast-offs.

"That's wonderful, kids. I'm really pleased — for all of us. You got what you wanted and you can now provide me with an extra source of cash and clothes. Just as a matter of interest, how did I do? Did you manage to get rid of all those books?"

"Not quite, Mom, but you did clear six riyals."

"Six riyals? That's it? After all my effort that seems like a pretty poor return."

"We were kind of busy selling our own stuff," explained Kieran.

"And buying other people's things," added Tara.

"In the circumstances, you shouldn't complain. Mom. Remember, participation is the key word. If you expect to earn any money, participation is vital. Considering you weren't around for the sale, you did darn well..."

## Greek treasure found in volcano

By Andrew Morgan

MARITIME archaeologists from Oxford University have discovered a cargo of ancient Greek pottery in a wreck off the northeastern coast of Sicily. The find, heralded as one of the most important this century, was on a ship which sank about 2,400 years ago to a depth of 100 feet. It includes black glazed fine ware, including cups, bowls, jugs and lamps. Ships carrying nothing but fine ware are extremely rare, although the seabed above the wreck exhibits a wide range of pottery.

A diver described the first view of the find in the log. "It was as if the gods had all been sitting down to a banquet and then, for some reason, they had to dash off, overturning the tables in their haste and knocking down all the crockery."

The wreck lies in the crater of a live volcano 100 feet down. It came from the classical period which began with the establishment of Athenian democracy and ended with the death of Alexander the Great.

Only one other major ship from the period — an amphora wreck discovered by an American team off Cyprus in the 1960s — has been excavated.

Little notice was taken when a Sicilian first found the wreck in the early 1980s. Oxford University heard about it in 1985 and an authorised expedition was sent to the area. The wreck was easily located and, after only one season's excavation, the finds have been extraordinary.

The excavation is being conducted by the university's Maritime Archaeological Research for Europe (MARE) in collaboration with Dr Giovanna Bacci, the superintendent of archaeology for



A diver from Oxford University pulls out pottery from the live volcano underwater in which the wreck of the ship rests.

Messina and Dr Umberto Spigo, from the Museum of Lipari, and the World Ship Trust.

All work is under the direction of Mr Mensun Bound, the director of archaeology at MARE, whose team has been

excavating ancient wrecks in the Mediterranean for eight years. The discovery was kept a secret for fear of looters, but the site has already been raided twice at night and, on one occasion, three intact pieces taken.

Mr Bound said: "These people are like vultures and it is possible that several hundred pieces have already been stolen. However, I believe this would have little effect on our understanding of the wreck because the items are repetitive." The site is patrolled by the police and coastguard, using a gunboat and helicopter.

Mr Bound, who was born in the Falkland Islands, said the submerged volcano was near a rock called Datillo, off the island of Panarea in the Aeolian Islands.

"So far, we have only penetrated the surface of this exciting new site. It is impossible to say how many seasons it will take to complete the work, or what discoveries will be made as the layers are slowly peeled back."

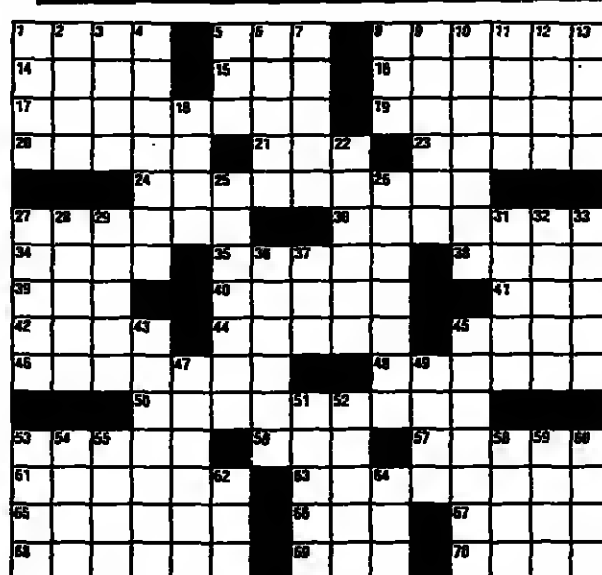
"I have never seen a wreck which has played so hard to get. One tries a certain technique to extract information, but this wreck has been like trying to nail jelly to a tree because it doesn't respond to a standard approach."

He added that the wreck's site meant bubbles of poisonous hydrogen sulphide rise in streams from vents. As the rising gas dissolves in the water, it forms a diluted sulphurous acid which burns the divers' lips.

He said: "Divers have compared this site to working in a hot water bottle. The sulphurous emissions have created a hard volcanic crust over parts of the site, which means many artefacts still have to be cut free using hammers and chisels."

The clay used in the artefacts will be analysed although Mr Bound said it was likely that it came from Athens, probably from the late fifth century to the second half of the fourth century BC.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Humorist
  - Ogden
  - Cover
  - Teeming
  - Chromolithograph on cloth
  - Coach
  - Parseghian
  - Inexpensive smoke
  - Earliest reformer
  - Noises about
  - A face that would — clock
  - Teachers' gp.
  - A Lesson from —
  - On the — (alternatively)
  - San Diego suburb
  - Eton alumni
  - English country festivals
  - Boxes
  - Catchall abbr.
  - Party person, for short
  - profundo
  - Prefix with color or com
  - Sounds indicating trouble
  - Young aal
  - a hand
  - Cure-ell
- DOWN**
- Set against
  - City on the Wabash
  - Passover meal
  - Wallach or Whitney
  - Honor with ridicule
  - Indicate
  - Aggressive, energetic person
  - Copenhagen amusement garden
  - Beame or Fortas
  - Golf course feature
  - Schedulas
  - Sleep meas.
  - Sole
  - Signifies assent
  - Quite a few
  - Lily of Utah
  - Crested
  - European birds
  - Young one
  - Vanarable musical comedy
  - Challenger
  - Fibrous silicate: Abbr.
  - Shore
  - Aspirant
  - Exchange fee
  - Ceremony
  - Jumble
  - Feed for Dobbin
- 22 "My kingdom for —": Rich. III.**
- 25 Old liner**
- 26 Runner-up**
- 27 Eat or drink greedily**
- 28 Hawaiian greeting**
- 29 Gourd**
- 31 Weasel's cousin**
- 32 Tales**
- 33 Playground item**
- 36 Buckingham or Kensington**
- 37 RSV's predecessor**
- 43 Poor one**
- 45 Basuto land, formerly**
- 47 Coterie**
- 49 Billy Budd's captain**
- 51 "Enigma Variations" composer**
- 52 Mythological weeper**
- 53 Tennis units**
- 54 Wicked**
- 55 Prima donna**
- 58 Like — of bricks**
- 59 Vend**
- 60 Three-spot**
- 62 Ice, in.**
- 63 Innsbruck**
- 64 Muffin**

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
MORE OF THE SAME, PLEASE!

Neither vulnerable. South deals.  
NORTH  
♠ K 7  
♥ A J 5  
♦ K  
♣ A K J 8 6 4 3

EAST  
♠ J 9 6 5  
♥ Q 10 9 3  
♦ A J 10 7 6 2  
♣ Q 9 8 4

SOUTH  
♠ A Q 10 8 4 3 2  
♥ 7 4 2  
♦ 5 3  
♣ Q

The bidding:  
South West North East  
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♦ Pass 6 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♦  
Suit preference signals are becoming a major epidemic at the bridge table. No longer can you simply encourage or discourage partner from continuing the suit he led originally. No matter what card you play to his lead, it gets examined carefully and, after going into the tank for some time, partner usually emerges with some catastrophe or other. When we once told partner that we thought his eight-spot might have been a singleton, he retorted: "If it was a singleton, I wouldn't have played the eight!"

These reflections were brought about by this hand, where our opponents had reached an excellent slam

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**  
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PADS ABRA  
APIECE FLOORED  
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PARASOL TOOTSY  
ABEL BORN  
MASTER SLUM ACE  
ASTIL VENERATION  
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SEAN OERT TESTS

when North decided that, once his partner held an ace, there had to be many chances for 12 tricks. But for the unfortunate spade split, the slam would have been laydown.

Our partner got matters off to a fine start by leading the ace of diamonds, and we saw at once that, if dummy could be forced to ruff, we would have to come to a trump trick for down one. All we had to do was make sure that partner led another diamond!

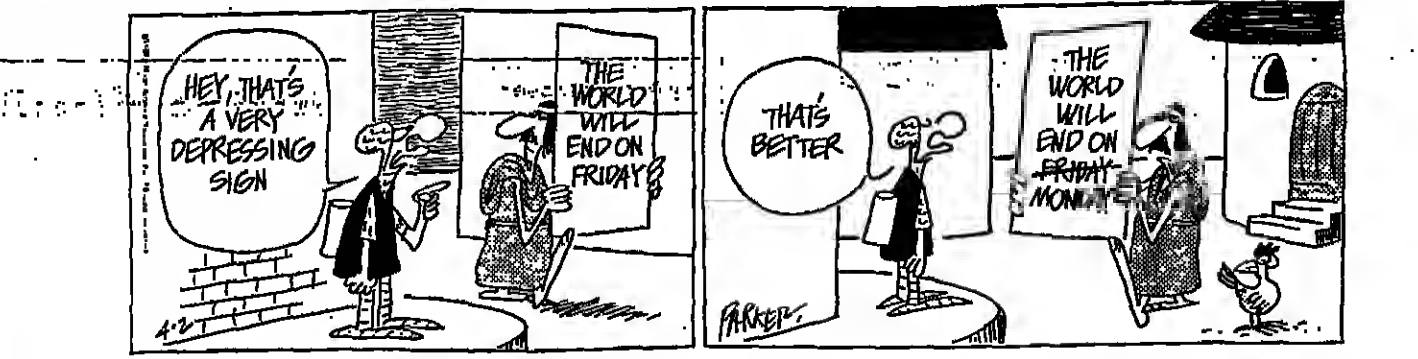
Unfortunately, our partner was a suit preference fanatic. We agree that, with a singleton in dummy, an unusually high card would request a shift to the higher-ranking side suit, while an unnecessarily low card would ask for the lowest suit. However, we feel that an intermediate card should simply ask for continuation of the suit.

In the hope that partner was on the same wavelength, we tried the eight of diamonds. He studied it, decided it was not our lowest card and promptly shifted to a heart. Curtains!



## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You should try to have a good laugh at yourself and the situation you are in. You will be able to succeed with what you are trying to do. Make sure you do not have a late night. Be a little more patient.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
Do not neglect your personal affairs. Mercury's influence will help you to stay on good terms with an old friend. You will be able to find the right answer to a problem that has been bothering you. Be reliable.

**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You will be in a much better mood. However you should not expect results to come without your making any effort. Make sure you do not do anything that might not be quite legal. Be constructive.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**  
You will be able to deal correctly with a rather delicate situation. Others will be more in sympathy with you and in return you should listen to and sympathise with their problems. Make sure you do not eat anything you know does not agree with you. Be loyal.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You should keep your wits very much about you. You will be able to do something you have been unable to do for a while now. You should try not to waste your energies. Be more affectionate.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
The moon's more favourable influence will help you find the way to deal with a problem. You should not be in too great a hurry but nor should you delay. Examine other alternatives before deciding on what to do. Be respectful.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
You should make sure you do not do anything that would put you at odds with your colleagues. You should try to repay a favour a friend has done you. Make sure you concentrate hard on what you are doing. Be resilient.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will be able to make good progress with a matter that has been held up for some time recently. You should do all you can to stay on good terms with one of your colleagues.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
The moon's better influence will help you to overcome a tendency towards gloom. You will quickly find the solution to a pressing problem. Make sure you do not forget to keep an appointment. Be more lenient.

**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
Do not let others dictate to you but not be obdurate. The more favourable influence of the sun and of mercury will help you to take a more positive approach. You should not place too much trust in someone you do not know very well. Be resourceful.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
You should not allow yourself to believe just what you would like to believe. You will have plenty of energy but you should make sure you put it to good use. You are in danger of being outwitted. Be prompt.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
The moon's less favourable influence will tend to militate against you being able to do your best. However, your will power will be enough to counter this tendency. You should avoid making any vague promises. Be a little more optimistic.

## Increased smoke danger for non-smokers

By John F. Webb

LONDON: The risk involved in non-smokers absorbing the cigarette smoke of others may be much greater than was at first thought. According to the latest findings, up to half the lung cancer deaths among non-smokers could be due to what is known as passive smoking.

Until now it was thought that around 200 lung cancer deaths a year in Britain could be attributed to breathing other people's smoke, but Sir Richard Doll, of the Oxford unit of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF), believes 1,500 British non-smokers die every year from lung cancer attributed to smoke from other people's

cigarettes. Last month, in a report to the 14th International Cancer Congress in Budapest, he summarised the results of ten studies carried out in Japan, the United States, Greece, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom to check the lung cancer rates in the non-smoking spouses of smokers.

He said more than 3,800 chemicals had been identified in tobacco smoke and 50 were known to cause cancer in animals. He continued: "Some of these are present in the sidestream smoke, to which non-smokers are mainly exposed, than in the mainstream smoke. These include some highly carcinogenic volatile N-nitrosamines, which may be present

in concentrations up to 100 times greater."

However, the death rates from passive smoking by non-smokers are nothing compared with the increased risk of disease and death run by smokers. In Britain, for instance, 100,000 people a year die from smoking, accounting for one in seven of all deaths. Research scientist Mrs Joy Townsend at London's Northwick Park Hospital describes this as "the major epidemic of this century" because smoking deaths greatly outstrip any other cause of premature death.

Despite his pessimism about the risks of breathing other people's cigarette smoke, Sir Richard says research now shows a "very great" reduction in the lung cancer risk for young

men smoking in countries where low tar cigarettes have been introduced. These include Australia, Hong Kong, Britain and the United States, and especially the Netherlands, where lung cancer deaths in men under 45 have dropped by 53 per cent.

Scientists say the low tar involvement in this drop in deaths is borne out by the fact that where there has not been the same switch to low tar cigarettes, lung cancer deaths for the same age group have risen by at least 15 per cent. This group of countries includes France, West Germany and Japan, says Sir Richard.

Experts estimate that worldwide deaths this year from cancer will total three and a half million. LPS



## Singer turned award-winning actress

## Cher: taken seriously at last

By Alex Molloy

THERE are not many women who can hold down three careers and prove to be world-beaters at all of them.

But Hollywood superstar Cher, the sixties singer turned award-winning actress is far from an ordinary girl. For now she has added a third talent to her enviable credentials — as a man-eater.

She has been linked with a string of younger men including brat packer Tom Cruise, 26, Val Kilmer, 27 and ABC producer Josh Donon, 10 years her junior — and that is just for starters. They came after devil-may-care Cher had already disposed of husband No. 1, Sonny Bono and husband No. 2, rock star Gregg Allman.

For Cher, at 41, has a well known taste for toy boys, which according to the press is fast becoming her greatest claim to fame.

Now she is with former pizza parlour waiter, 23-year-old Robert Camerletti. If his birth date is correct, he was born in the same month Sonny and Cher's debut record, I Got You Babe, made number one.

But it was as a singer that Cher first came to the public's attention. As the other half of the singing partnership Sonny and Cher she proved she had what it takes to make it to the top of the pops.

Then, with films like Silkwood, Mask and The Witches of Eastwick it was Cher the actress. She now has a new thriller Suspect and an adventure comedy Moonstruck for which she has just won an Oscar.

But inevitably as her professional success has grown, so the interest in her personal life has increased.

Her childhood was terribly muddled. Her mother (who is part Cherokee Indian) was married and divorced five times, while Cher (born Cherylin Sarkisian) grew up. As a result she was a painfully shy child.

She admits: "Even now, on a one-to-one basis, I'm very shy. I can perform in front of one thousand people but, it's very hard for me to meet even five."

But people who witnessed Cher's raunchy stage show in Las Vegas seven years ago or the incredible bare-tummy display she gave at the Oscar award ceremony last year might find that hard to believe.

In Las Vegas Cher sang and danced with an energy most people compared to superwoman. She changed her costume an incredible 20 times and was paid a stunning \$100,000 a week.

## Transition

The transition into films was not an easy one however. For years despite her singing success, Hollywood was reluctant to give her work. It took producers an amazing eight years to notice her potential.

She says: "I would beat on every door of every studio head and beg to be given a chance. But not one of them wanted to know."

Cher was finally encouraged to go to New York and audition for parts in plays, by director Francis Ford Coppola. Before long she was cast in the lead of the stage version of Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean.

Robert Altman, the play's director said: "I knew she could act. All she needed was a chance and someone to put confidence in her. She is the kind of actress I love. She is instinctive, intelligent and she has courage."

The play was a success. Cher was on her way.

With Silkwood, in which she co-starred with Meryl Streep she won an Oscar for best supporting actress.

Then came 'Mask' about a

It took producers nearly eight years to notice her talent, but Cher has finally proved herself an actress with an Oscar for Moonstruck last week. But inevitably as her professional success has grown, so has the interest in her personal life increased.



Cher arrives for the Academy award presentation where she won an Oscar for her role in the film, Moonstruck.



Cher with her second husband, rock star Gregg Allman, her son Eliza and daughter Chastity.

severely deformed boy and his drug addict mother. Cher played her role as Rusty Dennis brilliantly and won the best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival.

But Cher and the director of Mask, Peter Bogdanovich, had their differences.

Cher says: "On the set, I went my way and Peter went his. We often disagreed about the way to play a scene. I can understand him as a director getting hounded off at that, but in the end he should have gone along with me. After all I'm the actress."

Peter retorted: "That amateur I used every trick in the book to get a good performance out of her. I'd just like to

remind her of something, the veteran actor Lionel Barrymore once said: 'The best directors are the ones who make the actors believe they did it all themselves.'

More recently, she has appeared alongside Jack Nicholson, in The Witches of Eastwick.

But Cher was less happy with the film. She reveals: "I wouldn't have done the film, but for Jack. The book that the film is based on is the kind of rubbish that only a man could write about women. Shooting the movie was tedious, the director, George Miller was the pits and when I saw the movie I hated it."

Cher says that she could

survive almost anything except if something happened to her children, whom she adores.

She also says that despite all the bad things that occurred during her two marriages she would do it all over again. Her kids made them both worthwhile.

Her first child, daughter Chastity, is 18, and was the result of Cher's eleven year marriage to Sonny Bono. But she admits the marriage was a disaster.

"I was independent before I met Sonny but that just went out the window. You can't be independent with him 'cos he is so macho. Leaving him was the best thing I ever did."

Her second marriage, to rock guitarist, Gregg Allman, was just as big a mistake. It lasted a whole nine days. Allman was a heroin addict and Cher, famed for her clean living, could not put up with his drug problem.

Cher says: "I even offered to go to a desert island with him if it would help him to quit. Unfortunately that did not work. He was the only man I ever really loved. And it was desperately hard for me to let him go." The only thing that she dislikes about Gregg (apart from his drug taking) is the fact that he does not spend enough time with their son, 11-year-old Eliza Blue.

Cher gets on very well with both her children. And she prides herself on being more of a friend than a parent to them. "I'm doing the best I can," she says. "I've no idea how they will turn out, but I hope they are well adjusted and happy."

Her taste for younger men has not helped her efforts to produce balanced children... especially her latest beau Robert Camerletti.

She says: "My relationship with Robert is not the best I have had, but it is the most important, because it is the most healing."

"Older men never ask me out. They're frightened of me. If you're a man you're admired for being tough, but if you're a woman you're a bitch."

Cher, who is riding high in the charts with her current release I've Found Someone, keeps her figure by exercising regularly. She goes to a gym every day, and works out for up to three hours.

She adds: "I like my sexy image. I do it for myself. I always look after my body and I never smoke or drink."

But there is one thing that Cher is addicted to — spending money. She has so many clothes, that she holds an annual garage sale to clear out her closet.

Cher lives in a fabulous \$4 million Egyptian-style mansion overlooking Beverly Hills. It is full of ancient artefacts and has a huge entrance hall and a glass roof, that slides back at the touch of a button. The kitchen is decorated in bamboo and Cher's private bathroom sports a double bath.

But she rarely entertains because she cannot stand the thought of people treating her home with disrespect.

"I just could not put up with wine stains and cigar burns on my beautiful couches and carpets," she says. "That certainly put paid to the idea of Cher being one of Hollywood's greatest hell-raisers."

"For years now, my lifestyle hasn't seemed remotely strange or flamboyant to me," she adds. "I'm not an alcoholic or a drug-user. I've raised two children. The only thing you can say is that I dress strange."

"I'm still here and whatever has to be done, gets done, even when I do not feel like doing it. I've never hugged people to take me seriously and I'm not about to start now. I'm really not interested in people judging me any more. From now on, they can judge my work and that's it."

## 'Farrago of complete nonsense'

## Spielberg epic under attack

Empire of the Sun, based on an inmate's account of the fall of Shanghai, and his experience in a Japanese internment camp is 'fantasy woven into a story' say other survivors of the same camp.



A NEW Hollywood blockbuster based on the fall of Shanghai to the Japanese was condemned recently as 'a total invention'.

The £15 million epic, Empire of the Sun, is a 'farrago of complete nonsense' say survivors of the internment camp on which the film is based.

Only recently the film had its premiere in front of the Queen, who was deeply moved by scenes showing sadistic Japanese soldiers humiliating women and forcing them to endure cruel personal experiences.

But some of the survivors say the story, based on the experiences of author J.G. Ballard, "simply never happened." In return Ballard claimed his attackers were "women who get together every year and try to make out life in those camps was paradise."

The film, featuring Nigel Havers, made a star of 14-year-old Christian Bale, who plays a young English boy caught up in the Japanese attack on Shanghai and who suffers a 'horrendous' three years in the Lung-hwa camp.

The film's publicity says that "with starvation and death and ever-present threat, Jim (the boy) learns how to placate the Japanese guards, drink only boiled water and eat weevils for protein."

Ballard claims that 'most' of the events depicted in the film were based on his own experiences in Lung-hwa and in Shanghai where he saw a rickshaw coolie being beaten to

death, executions, public stranglings and bodies left to rot in the streets.

The author says that the book on which director Steven Spielberg based the film took him 40 years to write: "20 years to forget and 20 years to remember those horrendous events."

But outraged survivors are demanding that he publicly admit that his book and the film "are fantasy woven into a story."

Mrs Lesley Chalmers, now 79, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, spent two and a half years in Lung-hwa camp after the Japanese moved into Shanghai.

She said: "Mr Ballard's claims are absolute rubbish. There is hardly one so-called fact which is true in the book or the film."

"He makes it sound as if the Japanese stormed into Shanghai, killing and herding us into camps where the conditions were unspeakable. That is so ridiculous I can't believe it."

"The Japanese set the camp up and left us to get on with it. We ran it. There was clean water to drink and although the food was not exactly what we would care for today, it was nowhere near as bad as Mr Ballard is trying to make out."

"What concerns me, and many others who were in the camp at the time, is that the public will go and see this film

and think that this is historical fact. Nothing, I can assure you, could be further from the truth."

"He says there was dirt and disease. Rubbish. We all worked hard to keep it clean."

The story of life in the camp at the time is the same from other survivors — the complete opposite of Ballard's view through Empire Of The Sun.

Miss Anne Phillips, now 77 and living in Wiltshire, said angrily: "I feel very strongly about this. Mr Ballard has waited 40 years to write this. It is a farrago of complete nonsense. He is wrong."

"Far from there being starvation and death, we even had a farm so we could get fresh milk and eggs for the children. Where he gets the idea that children were split up from their parents, I do not know. No children were separated from their parents."

"We even had Red Cross food parcels sent in each month. Nothing is made of that little fact by Mr Ballard."

Miss Phillips lived in Shanghai from 1938 to 1946, teaching at the Cathedral School and then two years in the Lung-hwa internment camp. She added that although there was continuous conflict in Shanghai, there was 'no fighting' and the internees 'hardly ever saw the Japanese.'

"It wasn't a home from home. I'll admit. But Mr Ballard was a young boy. He ought to have spoken to people who were a bit older than himself."

"I never saw anyone beaten, tortured or whatever and neither did anyone else."

Betty Harris, spent two and a half years in the Lung-hwa camp — changed in the film to another area of Shanghai, Suchow Creek — from the age of 20.

She said: "Our experiences at the time were nothing like what Mr Ballard is suggesting. Maybe that is what he remembers but I feel he has woven a story around the facts. Mr



14-year-old Christian Bale stars in Empire of the Sun

Spielberg makes science fiction movies and Mr Ballard writes science fiction hooks. They've just got together to produce another one.

## Criticism

The criticism have angered Ballard. He defended his story and the film, saying that he was attempting to achieve "an imaginative truth of the world at the times as a boy saw it."

He stormed: "I am fed up with this. I can't go on and on explaining that the book, and therefore the film, is semi-autobiographical. Most, and I stress most, of the events I depicted came directly from my own experiences but the film is based on a novel — a novel therefore uses fiction. Why won't they understand that? Let them write their own novels and films."

"These people resent my notion of their lives in Shanghai which might suggest that it was a place where servants were paid £10 a year. They have an amazingly rosy view of life in that camp. They make it sound like paradise."

## Hollywood's sunshine girl plays Lincoln's psychotic wife

By Ivor Davis

THE idea at first is a shocker. Mary Tyler Moore, everybody's favourite wide-eyed, upbeat character, playing the controversial, bitter, psychotic Mary Todd Lincoln.

Nevertheless, in the four-hour NBC-TV mini-series based on Gore Vidal's best seller 'Lincoln', the slim, lithe and attractive Moore dons a padded, hoopskirted wardrobe, a wig and a bizarre line of hair ornaments and speaks with a Kentucky accent to play the wife of the country's beloved 16th president.

On reflection, the role makes sense if one stops thinking Laura Petrie on The Dick Van Dyke Show and Mary Richards on The Mary Tyler Moore Show and concentrates instead on Ordinary People (1980) in which she turned in an astute performance as an emotionally frozen mother destroying her fragile son (Timothy Hutton).

"There is no similarity between the mother in 'Ordinary People' and Mary Lincoln," says Moore, "except that they were both beset by problems in dealing with life."

"I read every book I could find on Mary Lincoln and she still remained an enigma. I don't think anyone will ever understand the degree to which she was mentally ill. I think, as is probably the case with many such people, they have moments of great lucidity and brilliance. On the one hand, she

was bright, well-educated (far beyond the norm for a woman of her time) and politically astute. On the other hand, her behaviour could be bizarre and erratic," says Moore.

Director Lamont Johnson says that he and Moore had to rehearse long hours before she felt comfortable with her character.

"She was nervous about this one," says Johnson. "It's a loaded character. Mary kept telling me, 'I don't want this to come off like a sketch out of a Carol Burnett Show.' With a Southern accent, she could easily come off that way. But I felt she had the equipment necessary to create this character and the more we worked together the more I realised I was in no danger. I had seen her do too many wonderful things such as 'Ordinary People' and 'Whose Life Is It Anyway?' (in the late '70s) on stage to worry. I think it's remarkable that this lady takes on as many challenges as she does in areas so remote from comedy."

## Complex

Abraham Lincoln is played by Sam Waterston, who worked with Moore in Fanny and Alexander (1985) and Just Between Friends (1986). "One of the extraordinary things Mary has done is to have been associated with a character for such a long time as to be almost synonymous with her and still do other things," says Waterston.

But creating a character as



Mary Tyler Moore as Mrs Mary Todd Lincoln.

complex as Mary Lincoln was never easy and some scenes were more difficult than others.

"This woman was psychotic," says Johnson. "I don't think there is any doubt about that. She could lapse into total irrationality. There is one scene in which Mary Lincoln thinks a colonel's wife, who is riding in a military review, is trying to get next to Mr Lincoln, so in front of everyone she calls her a whore. Mary didn't want to do that scene. It made the character so unattractive that you wondered how she could recover. At the end of the show, however, Mary told me, 'I was pleased that I finally relaxed and let all those things show ... because essentially she is an extraordinary woman, vibrant, passionate and intelligent.'"

The role of Mary Lincoln was also physically difficult for the 51-year-old actress, who maintains a daily ballet regime that would send women half her age to the hospital.

"It was a challenge for me," she says, "in that whatever character I'm playing I

naturally bring in a good deal of my body language. I smile broadly and use my body and hands. However, I discovered during rehearsal that that behaviour didn't wash in the 19th century because women were not just corseted and gussied physically — that also applied to the way they conducted themselves. So I had to curb my style. At the same time I am known and people have an expectation of me, so that was a fine line I had to walk between sounding and acting like a Kentucky lady of that era and Mary Tyler Moore."

While 'Lincoln' is a serious story, Moore points out that it is not without its humour. "Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln were both witty people and you do see the humour in this 'Lincoln' far more than any other I've seen. She was a wickedly acerbic woman, which was fun for me to play, though it helps explain why, when she left the White House, nobody was there to say goodbye except her family and servant," says Moore.

FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIMPERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE  
STRIKES ELDERLY, DIABETICS

QUESTION: What is peripheral artery disease? How is it treated?

ANSWER: Peripheral artery disease is a term used for a number of disorders with symptoms such as: constant pain in limbs when exercising but none when at rest; night cramps; ulcers caused by lack of nutrition in certain areas of the body; and severe itching and swelling of the limbs. In each case the cause of the symptoms relates back to poor circulation in the arteries.

For many years peripheral artery disease was thought to be caused only by obstructions in the arteries. It is now known to be associated with factors that control the blood's flow, including its viscosity (ability to flow easily), ability to coagulate readily and other important characteristics.

Peripheral artery disease is seen increasingly in elderly patients and in diabetics. About 8 per cent of all adult diabetics suffer

from peripheral artery disease at the time their diabetes is first diagnosed.

Factors that appear to make the disease more likely to occur in diabetics include: along history of diabetes, high blood pressure, increased cholesterol levels and poor control of the disease.

Among non-diabetics, the probability of having peripheral artery disease increases with: some condition or illness that predisposes them to the disease, smoking, growing old, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels and coronary diseases.

Should peripheral artery disease not be treated it can progress rapidly, leading to serious complications including severe ulcers on the legs and gangrene — which may result in amputation.

Fortunately, there are several ways to fight the effects and causes of this condition. They include exercise, stopping any use of

tobacco, treatment with drugs that dilate blood vessels and/or decrease the blood's ability to clot, and surgery.

Additionally, impressive results have been obtained recently by treating patients with pentoxifylline. It was approved for use and marketed in the United States in 1984 after about 12 years of success in Europe. It is a drug that is related chemically to caffeine. Among other things, pentoxifylline improves the blood's ability to flow easily to all parts of the body.

As with many diseases, it is necessary to start treatment for peripheral artery disease as early as possible before it has time to do much damage to the body. Once the disease is found, your physician will start proper therapy immediately and hopefully you will be able to prevent serious complications.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

'We have a chance to be world leaders again'

## Thatcher exhorts industry to get ready for '92

LONDON, April 19, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday exhorted British industry, which is lagging behind its European counterparts, to get ready for 1992, when Europe is to become one huge, barrier-free market place.

"It's going to make a historic difference to Europe and our place in the world," Mrs Thatcher said to a conference of 150 business-world heavyweights. "We have a chance to be world leaders again."

The conference was the Department of Trade and Industry's formal launch of a "Europe open for business" campaign to spur British companies to prepare for the single European market, when the 12 member nations will become one market of 320 million relatively prosperous consumers.

The campaign, and the prime

minister's presence at the launch, underscore the Conservative government's concern about British industry's place in the field.

Tony Blair, an opposition Labour Party spokesman on trade, accused Mrs Thatcher of failing to do enough.

Informing business of the existence of the single market was one thing, but it was quite another to take the steps that Germany, France and Italy and other competitors were taking to make sure we have the levels of investment, of industrial reconstruction, the technical expertise and the training and skills to meet the market's challenge," Blair said.

One-third of Britain's companies are aware of 1992, compared with only one in six last autumn, Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young said.

However, the number is far smaller than the more than 90 per cent of French companies and the vast majority of West German companies that are aware of it, the department says.

The Common Market in 1985 began implementing the first of 300 rules designed to make it barrier-free. More than 100 of these rules have been passed, the remainder are to be completed by Dec 31, 1992, a self-imposed deadline.

**Products**  
The changes mean that, for example, companies will be able to buy insurance anywhere in the market, professionals will be able to practice where they like without having to qualify, and common standards are to be established for a wide range of products, from toys to construction products to food.

Capital will move freely as will

product-laden trucks, which previously were delayed for hours at customs checkpoints. Foreigners will be able to bid for public contracts.

As a result, Britain not only risks missing opportunities on the continent, it also will have to face increased competition from continental companies on its own turf.

**Competition**  
All European companies will face greater competition from US and Asian companies, which will be eager to take advantage of the new market.

Eager companies already have pursued acquisitions to make themselves pan-European, or have formed alliances with counterparts in other countries. Many have been developing new strategies, changing their product lines, reorganising their sales forces.

"We feel very strongly that we must get this right because too often in the past, Britain has missed opportunities," Mrs Thatcher said.

"Our national failure to make the most of the opportunities when we joined the Community in 1973 was part of a much more general failure," Mrs Thatcher said.

"In those days, Britain was in the forefront of those resisting changes, in fighting to preserve the barriers. Some in Britain still see it that way but fortunately they are getting fewer and fewer," she said.

**Strong**  
However, Mrs Thatcher remains opposed to joining the British pound to the Common Market's European Monetary System of linked exchange rates.

The prime minister said Britain's strong economy

provided the right climate for the island nation to succeed in the new market.

But the prime minister added: "I think that getting to grips with that basic proposition (the single market) will mean a major re-think for companies of every size."

Jacques Delors, president of the European commission, told the conference, "there does not have to be a corresponding loss for each gain. No, all can benefit and the opportunities are huge."

A recent study showed that the barrier drop will add about 5 per cent to the Community's total output of goods and services and create between 2 million and 5 million new jobs, Delors said.

"To compete on the global scale requires a larger and stronger home market than is available to any individual European country," he said.

## Manpower development plan for South Asia proposed

UNITED NATIONS, April 19, (Opecna): Pakistan proposed here at the weekend a manpower development plan for the seven countries grouped under the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc).

The seven states are: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Bhutan.

Outlining the proposal, Pakistan's Planning and Development Minister Dr Mahbubul Haq said the plan would require financial support from rich nations.

He said it should be "linked with mutual agreed and phased reductions in military expenditures which currently exceed \$12 billion a year."

Haq was delivering the 1988 Paul Hoffman lecture, established in 1985 in memory of the first head of the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

He called on Saarc national development planners to prepare their targets for the year 2000 in terms of nutritional levels, literacy, health indicators and population growth rates.

He said planners from Saarc countries would be invited to Pakistan in July to launch the manpower development plan's preparatory process.

Haq said: "While the days of the Marshall plan are long over, I do believe that a realistic plan for the human development of a billion people — the region's estimated population — to which another 300 million may be added by the end of the century, is likely to capture the imagination of reluctant legislatures and people in developed nations."

## Nigeria stresses need to close communication gap

LAGOS, April 19, (Opecna): Nigerian Federal Minister of Information, Tony Momoh, has stressed the need to close the communication gap between technological innovations and the institutions and industries that should apply them.

Speaking on the role of his ministry in the dissemination of technological innovations, the minister said at a symposium here yesterday that indigenous technological innovations so far existed as prototypes begging for application.

He said this phenomenon "has been the bane of our technological development."

He said the "well-articulated, all-embracing, development-oriented" national communication policy being worked out would tackle the apparent poor flow of information between inventors and users of inventions.

According to the minister, the national communication policy would "promote an efficient information management system for national development, of which technology is part."

He said his ministry had been involved in disseminating local technological innovations but blamed lack of patronage for these innovations or "unwilling Nigerian entrepreneurs who may implicitly be portraying the (information) ministry as not reaching them on where and how to locate local inventors."

The minister said his ministry would provide communication training facilities for technologists and engineers in the Ministry of Mines, Power and Steel, to enable them disseminate news of technological innovations in the mines, power and steel sub-sectors.

## Japan urged to compete for Indonesian oil

JAKARTA, April 19, (UPI): The Japanese have been summoned to invade yet another US preserve — Indonesia's oil fields.

Ginandjar Kartasasmita, Indonesia's New Energy Minister, has invited Japan to become a major oil producer, spreading alarm among some US contractors that have long dominated the local petroleum scene.

Ginandjar, who became energy czar in a major cabinet reshuffle following President Suharto's reelection in March, is advising Japanese oilmen to contest the clear lead their US counterparts have in technology.

**Exploration**  
"US companies have the skills and that is why they dominate," Ginandjar, a science graduate of Tokyo University and one of the brightest young stars in Suharto's new team, said at his first meeting with petroleum industry executives.

"I call on Japan, better known as our biggest customer for oil, to

invest more money in exploration and production," he said.

Ginandjar, 47, formerly a junior minister in charge of foreign investment in all sectors other than petroleum, replaced Subroto, the Montreal-trained economist who during his 10-year tenure became president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

**Projects**  
Though frowned by Japan in manufacturing and other sectors, US companies still have a stranglehold on the petroleum arena, which delivers half of Indonesia's export earnings and 40 per cent of total government revenues.

"We made this industry what it is. There are no two ways about it," said one of the thousands of American "oilies" in Indonesia.

A vibrant petroleum sector has helped reformist Suharto turn this former Dutch colonial outpost into a modern indus-

trialised state. The only Opec member east of the Gulf, Indonesia is generally regarded as having seized its oil wealth wisely.

Suharto, the country's leader since 1965, invested heavily in infrastructure such as roads and irrigation canals, electrification programmes and airports, and eschewed the sort of prestige projects that now litter the Middle East.

"Carving out a niche for Nippon is not going to be easy," observed a Jakarta-based business consultant.

Noel Hazanow, head of exploration at Dallas-based Amosco Indonesia Inc., agreed. "I don't think the US can have a competitor the way the industry is set up at the moment," he said. "The dynamics of US companies exclude the Japanese along with everyone else."

US contractors pump more than 80 per cent of Indonesia's crude and over the last five years

alone have invested a whopping \$6.6 billion in finding oil and getting it out of the ground. Almost all the liquefied natural gas — Indonesia's second-string export — comes from blocks operated by US companies, and nearly all of it is shipped abroad in US flagged carriers.

A glance at balance sheets shows operations as large as this make money — lots of it.

**Profits**

About one-quarter of Mobil Corp.'s global profits accrue from its interests in Indonesia. Texaco Inc. makes one-third of its money here, while Chevron earns around 25 per cent. Several large US companies generate all their income from helping Indonesia remain southeast Asia's largest oil producer.

The British and French have put up something of a challenge to US might in the oil patch. But not Japan.

"They don't pump a drop right

now," Hazanow said of Japan. "And I don't see the situation changing any time soon. To me they seem happy enough buying an interest in a block, becoming a partner, and guaranteeing their supply that way."

As Ginandjar said, Japan's reliance on Indonesia oil gives it a good reason to challenge US hegemony in the oil fields.

"In a turbulent world, we are their anchor," he said. "They may be able to buy from other countries, but we alone can guarantee a stable supply."

**Charges**

Making the best of that anchorman position, Indonesia charges the Japanese top dollar when annual oil sales contracts come up for renewal.

An Energy Ministry spokesman, explaining how Jakarta has pulled this off, said "nothing worries the Japanese more than a cut in supplies from the Gulf. We know it. They know it."

## Computer maintenance workers to visit China

NEW YORK, April 19, (UPI): A group of US computer maintenance experts is uncertain what to expect when it arrives in China next month for an exchange meeting with Chinese computer repair workers, the first interchange of its kind.

"The current state of computer technology and maintenance in China is something of a mystery," said George B. Keller, executive vice president of the Association of Field Service Managers, and the leader of the delegation.

"This is the first delegation of

computer service people to visit China and the only thing we know definitely is the Chinese government is very eager to take advantage of our knowledge," Keller said.

According to Keller, the trip will mark the first time China has allowed US computer maintenance workers to view the condition of its technology.

"We aren't even sure where China got its computers, but they don't seem to have been made in the US and the Chinese most likely don't have the capacity to manufacture them," he said.

"From what we've been able to gather, the computers used in China are probably like the mainframes used in the United States in the early 1980s," Keller said. "We've heard Chinese computers are at their most modern in Beijing and Shanghai, and we wouldn't be surprised to find backward technology in the country's interior."

**Trip**  
It is doubtful that many personal computers have come to China yet, Keller said.

The trip is being arranged by People-to-People International,

a US State Department-sponsored series of citizens exchange projects initiated in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. The group will be hosted by the Chinese Computer Federation, which has about 30,000 members, with about 60 per cent working in software, and around 40 per cent work in service and repair.

Although the exchange is billed as a "friendship tour," Keller says, "everyone understands that we're going to look for business while we're in China."

## Taiwan buys gold to improve its trade figures

TAIPEI, April 19, (Reuters): Taiwan plans to buy the equivalent of one quarter of the world's annual gold production this year, mostly from the United States, to cut its trade surplus, gold dealers in Taipei said.

Economists said Taiwan was effectively trying to manipulate its trade figures with the United States to head off demands from Washington for currency appreciation.

Central-Bank Governor Chang Chi-Cheng told reporters yesterday the bank had bought 69 tonnes of gold in the first two months of this year, worth around \$1 billion at current prices.

"It will help reduce our trade

surplus," he said. Chang said the bank would buy more gold when the price reached a "proper level."

**Purchases**  
Gold purchases are being financed from Taiwan's foreign-exchange reserves of \$75 billion, the world's largest after those of Japan. The purchases will help ease the reserves, which focus attention on Taiwan's trade surplus.

Falling reserves would also ease upward pressure on the Taiwan currency and encourage the exodus of speculative capital that has fuelled the growth of money supply and led to fears of inflation.

Chang said Taiwan's gold

reserves were worth about \$4.5 billion at current prices. He said Washington had demanded to know why Taiwan was buying so much gold.

Taipei is resisting pressure from Washington to further appreciate the value of the Taiwan dollar, arguing that a stronger currency will damage the island's export-led economy and bankrupt small business men.

Huge gold purchases are being made as Taiwan and the United States prepare for crucial trade talks to Taipei next week, when the island will come under renewed pressure to reduce its trade surplus by boosting the value of its dollar.

## Iran lowers oil price for Japan

NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 19, (AP): Iran has given Japanese oil buyers an additional discount of 7.5 cents per barrel on spot price, the weekly Middle East Economic Survey oil review reported yesterday.

The review said following heavy pressure from Japanese contract customers the discount became effective for deliveries for the second quarter of the year.

During the first quarter Iran was already offering market-related discounts from the official price set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to Japanese buyers.

## Aeromexico expected to declare bankruptcy

MEXICO CITY, April 19, (UPI): Government-owned Aeromexico is expected to declare bankruptcy following a strike by groundworkers that shut down the airline on Tuesday, airline sources said yesterday.

Airline officials estimated the strike has cost the company more than 6.5 million.

The airline flew 15,000 people daily to Mexican and foreign destinations that included New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, Madrid, Paris and South American points.

**Bankruptcy**  
The strike has stranded thousands and forced international travelers to seek alternate airlines.

Aeromexico on Thursday asked the federal court on conciliation and arbitration to order the strikers back to work.

The court's delay in reaching a decision and Aeromexico's refusal to negotiate led union representatives to believe the airline was on the verge of declaring bankruptcy.

The strike was prompted by Aeromexico's decision to phase out 13 planes, a decision the union claimed would cost 3,000 jobs.

## Many firms waiting to see IBM strategy

NEW YORK, April 19, (Reuters): A US defence department project to simplify the development of weapons systems has transformed a tiny backwater of the computer industry.

The project, initiated in the late 1970s, led to the creation of Ada, a computer language used by programmers to write software.

Last year the Pentagon decided that all software used in the computers that control its new weapons — and most of its general-purpose computers — would have to be written in Ada.

That decision has convinced dozens of companies that there is a lot of money to be made selling products that help software writers work in Ada.

Their customers, big defence contractors like Lockheed, Boeing and TRW are already spending millions of dollars to boost their Ada capabilities, and Ada-related spending is expected to soar over the next several years.

outlays are dependent on the Pentagon's budget. Nevertheless, expectations are running high.

By 1992, the value of Ada software programmes intended for military use in the United States will rise to \$10 billion from \$300 million this year, according to estimates by Kenneth Bosomworth, president of International Research Development, a Connecticut-based market research firm.

"The companies developing those programmes will spend up to \$300 million on Ada-related products and services in 1992, up from only \$70 million in 1988," said Bosomworth, who also publishes the AdaData newsletter.

Ada was the Pentagon's answer to a problem that had complicated plans to deploy new fighter planes, guided missiles, tanks and other weapons so sophisticated that they need banks of computers to run them.

The problem was that a complex weapon like a jet fighter is typically equipped with a variety of computerised systems designed

and built by a number of contractors, which often write software in different languages.

This made it difficult to ensure that all systems would work together and left the Pentagon with little flexibility to use the same system in other weapons.

**Competition**  
The Pentagon decided that it needed a single programming language that could serve as the standard for weapons development. A competition was held, and the winner was a French group headed by Dr Jean Ichbiah, a former Honeywell-Bull scientist.

Ada — named in honour of Augusta Ada Byron, the daughter of romantic poet Lord Byron and heralded as the first computer programmer — can make it easier to maintain software programmes once they are operational, an expense that accounts for a huge portion of the Pentagon's software costs. It also enables programmers to create software modules that can be stored in a library and reused later.

"There are currently 87

weapons projects for which Ada is a requirement," including those that are part of the strategic defence initiative, the space-based missile defence system, said Pentagon spokeswoman Jan Bodani.

Also, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) will use Ada, although not exclusively, as will the US Space Agency's planned space station, she said.

Some 30 US companies are selling or developing Ada compilers — which translate Ada into the digital language understood by computers — databases and other products. Others provide training for programmers and other services.

In the United States, Ada has not been adopted widely outside of the military sector. But many companies overseas have begun to put it to commercial use.

For example, Ada is a mainstay in the Finnish banking industry. In Japan, programmers for Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp are working in Ada.

Yet Ada is being tested by a

growing number of US corporations.

Analysts said they expect Ada to catch on in applications such as airline reservation systems, automatic teller machines and factory automation. But it is still not clear how widespread business use of the language will become.

"Where the commercial use of Ada in the US is headed is still a big mystery," said Bosomworth. He estimates commercial Ada sales could reach \$300 million by the early 1990s, compared with just 20 million today. He added, however, that many companies are waiting to see the strategy taken by International Business Machines.

A latecomer to the Ada market, IBM at the end of last year signed marketing agreements with three key Ada vendors.

Analysts said that those agreements, which will allow IBM to bid on a larger number of defence contracts, are an indication that the world's largest computer maker has decided that the Ada market cannot be ignored.

## World Business Summary

### Economy in fine fettle, says SBI chairman

BOMBAY, April 19: D.N. Ghosh, Chairman of State Bank of India, struck an optimistic note while pointing out that despite the severest drought witnessed last year, national income had shown a positive growth. Industry also saw a growth rate of 8.5 to 9 per cent, clearly indicating the built-in resilience of the Indian economy. A well-diversified industrial product-mix had clearly helped the country withstand one of the worst-ever droughts. Ghosh made these remarks while giving details about the performance of seven associate banks of the State Bank group in 1987. Realising the fact that India was a country of villages, their number being 5,32,000, there was a qualitative shift towards rural lending. Citing an example, he said, in 1969 one bank branch served as many as 359 villages against about 150 villages today. Answering a question, Ghosh said he found nothing wrong with 'loan melas'. In fact these were a sort of credit camps. He himself had advocated them more than a decade back in order to make villagers, who were shy to go to banks, cultivate banking habit.

When needy people were offered loans in a group, it inevitably helped to spread the banking message. He said credit camps acquired had name partly because of some in-fighting among banking staff. Ghosh was not enthusiastic about commercial banks handling portfolio management. Some of banks missed the facility while trying to make fast money under the shroud of portfolio management. He said RBI was right in stopping commercial banks from buy-back arrangement. When a client came to a bank with certain amount of money for portfolio management, while he had a right to reap windfall profit, he should have an obligation to bear losses, he added. Because of indiscriminate portfolio management, some banks were sometimes 12 to 14 weeks behind depositing CRR and SLR with Reserve Bank, he said. Although State Bank itself initiated portfolio management and, in fact, one of the first in the field, SBI was now going slow on the whole issue, he added.

### EEC budget passes first parliamentary vote

STRASBOURG, France, April 19, (AP): The European parliament on Thursday endorsed the European Economic Community's long-overdue 1988 budget and returned it to the 12 member governments for a final approval together with a request for an increase in social spending.

The parliament's second, and last, vote on the spending measure is expected in May. In a rare display of unity, the 518-member legislature voted for a budget only marginally higher than the 43.4 billion European currency units (\$53.4 billion) proposed by the governments.

Most of its changes called for increases in the spending on development aid and the community's social programmes. So far this year, the EEC has been operating on an emergency monthly basis at last year's levels. The unprecedented delay was caused by the member states' wrangle over the reform of the Community's runaway farm spending. In over 400 amendments to the government's budget draft, the parliament added about 366 million Ecu (\$450 million).

Parliamentary sources said they expected the member states to agree to most of the amendments. But in a more controversial provision, the parliament asked the states for a greater role in setting the Community's annual spending limits. The parliament's budget draft calls for a total of 7.5 billion Ecu (\$9.2 billion) on social and regional development projects. Much of the money would pay for programmes designed to reduce Europe's double-digit unemployment and to develop regions hit by industrial decline. Almost 1 billion Ecu (\$1.23 billion) would be spent on emergency food aid and financial assistance to developing countries.

### IA to take 5 Boeings on lease

BOMBAY, April 19, Indian Airlines is getting five Boeing 737s on lease to tide over the present shortage of aircraft. The aircraft, on lease from Airbus Industrie, are to be delivered to Indian Airlines by July 1988, according to Gerry Pais, Managing Director of Indian Airlines. In an interview with the one of the economic dailies in India, Pais said that, by May 1989, Airbus Industrie will begin delivery of the 19 Airbus 320s for which orders have already been placed. Indian airlines has performed impressively this year and is all set to make a record profit of Rs75 crores in 1987-88, he said. Last year the profits totalled Rs63 crores. This performance was achieved at a time when the country's international carrier was in the red. This success had been achieved by cutting down costs and restructuring of routes, he said. All the long distance routes were profitable while the short routes had been a drag on our resources.

Forty per cent of Indian Airlines' routes were long distance and the remaining short routes, he added. Regarding the shortage of pilots, Pais said that at present 52 pilots picked up from various flying clubs and some ex-Air Force pilots were undergoing training. 20 pilots would be ready to join the airlines in the next six months, he said.

With the introduction of the three-axis simulators, pilots could now be trained on the ground itself, though once you were in the cockpit it never gave the feeling of being on the ground, he stressed. The induction of leased Boeing aircraft from Airbus Industrie into the Indian Airlines service had been resorted to earlier too, to make up the shortfall in aircraft in the backdrop of growing traffic.

### Panama banks open for deposits

PANAMA CITY, April 19, (Reuters): Lines at Panamanian banks, open for their first day of limited service in six weeks, were small and orderly, despite bankers' fears that angry crowds would demand access to cash that has been frozen for six weeks. The banks, shot down by economic sanctions aimed at ousting military leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega, opened only to receive deposits on Monday, and bankers had feared angry angry customers, once inside, would demand their money. But while lines with up to 30 people started forming outside several banks in the morning before opening, the total number of depositors were few and well behaved. Two international banks reported a total 15 to 20 customers arriving to deposit checks. The ten depositors at one Panamanian bank were mostly small business owners, a clerk there said. "If they at least deposit their checks they feel like there is some movement in their business," he said.

Panamanians have been strangled for cash since sanctions by Washington cut off the supply of US dollars — the nation's legal currency — as part of a campaign to topple Noriega, who had been indicted on US drug trafficking charges. Noriega, Panama's de facto leader, has defied pressure to step down and the military dominated government has been struggling to find a way to keep the economy afloat and reopen banks, shut on March 4 to avoid massive withdrawals by depositors.

### Economy poised for growth

KUALA LUMPUR, April 19, (Kuna): All the signs show that Malaysia's economic growth this year is likely to be better than in 1987. More jobs are also likely to be created, beginning this month. This is the finding of a survey on business conditions conducted by the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER). The MIER says the manufacturing sector, which is currently leading the growth of the economy, ended the first quarter of this year with a vibrant performance. Its business conditions index rose four points to 64 during the first three months of the year against an index level of 60 for the first quarter of 1987.

The MIER says any number above 50 — the scale measures up to 100 — is viewed as a sign of positive growth.

While much of the recovery last year was due to the strength of the export sector, the findings from the survey suggest that domestic demand is growing, it adds.



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	725.0
ABBEY LIFE	272.0	JAGUAR	283.0
ADT LTD	111.0	LABRORE	412.0
ALD LYONS	403.0	LAND SEC	565.0
AMSTRAD	162.4	LAPORTE	391.0
ARGYLL GP	202.0	LASMO	356.0
ASDA GP	173.0	LEGAL-GEN	278.0
BAA PP	113.0	LORRO	240.0
BAT	247.0	LUCAS IND	535.0
BAT IND	21.07	MAGNET	235.0
BARCLAYS	430.0	MARKESSP	181.0
BASS	840.0	MAXWELL C	242.0
BEAZER	183.0	METAL BOX	196.0
BEECHAM	470.0	MEPC	530.0
BET ORD	230.0	MIDLAND BK	397.0
BICC PLC	327.0	NEXT	275.0
BLUE ARW	119.0	NTH FOODS	251.0
BLUE CIRC	437.0	P & O FOD	583.0
BOC GP	381.0	PEARL	440.0
BOOTS CO	225.0	PEARSON	680.0
BR CONN	286.0	PILKINGTON	219.0
BR AIRWAY	164.0	PLESLEY	160.0
BR AEROSP	405.0	PRUDENTIAL	795.4
BR GAS RG	180.0	RACAL	234.0
B.P.	278.0	RANK RVIS	327.0
B.P. NEW	79.0	RANK ORG	716.0
BR TELCOM	218.0	RCKITT+CO	855.0
BRITTEL	141.0	REDLAND	423.0
BUNZL	141.0	REED	383.0
BURMAN OL	565.0	RYL BK SC	327.0
BURTON	45.24	RNC GRP	499.0
CABLESWIR	325.0	REUTERS	507.4
CADBURYS	295.0	RITZ CORP	360.0
CAVENDISH	244.0	ROLLS ROY	113.0
CEC UNI	333.0	ROTHMAN B	395.0
CEM GOLD	558.4	ROTHMAN T	759.0
CEM GOLD	558.4	ROYAL INS	415.0
COURTAULD	355.0	SAATCHI	392.0
DALGETY	278.0	SAINSBURY	246.0
DEE CP	183.0	SCARLETT	275.0
DIXONS	181.0	SEARS	127.0
ENG CHINA	401.0	SEDEGWICK	215.0
ENTER OIL	375.0	SHELL	073.0
FERRANTI	81.5	SMITH+NEPH	130.0
FISONS	245.0	SMITHS A	286.0
GEN ACCIO	918.0	STC	247.4
GEN ELEC	154.0	STORESH	74.82
GLAXO	975.0	SUN ALLIA	242.0
GRANADA	338.0	TAMAC	252.0
GLOBE	138.0	TATEALTYE	77.0
GRAND MET	480.0	TESCO	153.0
GUS A	070.0	THORN EMI	612.0
GUARD RYL	890.0	TRAF SEC	330.0
GKN	302.0	TSB	101.0
GUINNESS	302.0	T+N	84.00
HAMPSON A	573.0	TRUSTHEE	228.0
HILLER SIO	458.0	ULTRAR	272.0
HUKSDON	283.0	UNILEVER	444.0
ICI	984.0	UNIGATE	267.0
ICI	194.0	UTO BISC	277.0
		UTD MNSP	429.0
		WELLCOME	467.0
		WHITRD	308.0
		WILLIAMS	308.0
		WILLIS FB	225.0
		WIMPEY GE	243.0
		WOOLWORTH	290.0

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLC	699.0	700.0
600 GROUP	104.0	104.0
ALLD COLL	124.0	123.0
ALLD RL	218.0	220.0
ALLD PR	52.0	52.0
ALLIANCE	777.0	777.0
AMARI	176.0	177.0
AMEC	395.0	395.0
AMER TRST	115.0	115.0
AMERSHAM	447.0	448.0
AMT HLTWC	268.0	268.0
ANGLO O'S	200.0	200.0
APPLEYARD	393.0	393.0
APRICO	100.0	100.0
APV PLC	109.0	110.0
AQUAS A	88.0	89.0
ARAN ENGY	74.0	74.0
ARCHER AJ	160.0	160.0
ARLINGTON	194.0	193.0
ARMSTRONG	135.0	135.0
ASHLEY LA	115.0	115.0
ATWOODS	282.0	283.0
AUS REE A	232.0	232.0
AUST REED	350.0	348.0
AVON RUBB	680.0	680.0
B. LEWILL	163.0	163.0
BAILL JAP	508.0	508.0
BANKER IT	67.0	67.0
BARKER DD	148.0	148.0
BART DEV	190.0	191.0
BAYNES C	32.4	32.0
BEJAM GP	170.0	170.0
BELHAVEN	66.0	67.0
BELLWAY	242.0	243.0
BENLOX HD	58.0	58.0
BENTALLS	189.0	190.0
BERTSFORD	287.0	287.0
BERKELEY	368.0	368.0
BIH GROUP	109.0	110.0
BIRNHD GL	381.0	381.0
BK OF SCO	508.0	509.0
BLACKWOOD	51.0	51.0
BLICK LF	18.2	18.4
BINNETT H	35.0	36.0
BOASE MAS	256.0	256.0
BODDINGT	129.0	128.0
BOOKER	397.0	398.0
BOOT. NEHR	429.0	429.0
BORTHWICK	45.0	45.0
BOMATER	384.0	383.0
BOUTHOURE	168.0	169.0
BR ASSETS	64.0	64.0
BR OREGDI	119.0	120.0
BR LAND	307.0	307.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 IND	1429.7	1419.6	1415.7	1373.3
FT 500 SWR	1013.3	1013.3	1012.4	957.6
FT ALL SWR	919.91	919.91	919.14	870.22
FT GOV SEC	91.26	91.26	91.26	88.49
FT GOLD MN	221.4	221.4	217.5	302.1
FT MINES F	445.62	445.62	443.01	432.96
FT OIL	1870.2	1870.2	1835.9	1663.6
FT VLD DLR	129.44	129.92	130.82	115.04
FT VLD STG	100.74	101.94	103.41	90.79
FT VLD LOC	129.92	113.00	113.82	99.08

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS MOSTLY FIRMER IN LATE TRADING. LONDON, APRIL 19, REUTER - SHARE PRICES STOOD AT THE DAY'S HIGHS WITH BUYING FOCUSED ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND ELECTRONICS SECTOR, DEALERS SAID.

SPECULATION OF A CUT IN EIGHT PCT U.K. BASE RATES PROVIDED BACKGROUND SUPPORT, BUT SUCH A MOVE IS THOUGHT UNLIKELY AHEAD OF U.K. MARCH BANK LENDING AND MONEY SUPPLY FIGURES, DUE THURSDAY.

AT 1447 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 8.1 UP AT THE DAY'S HIGH OF 1,429.9, HELPED BY A FIRMER OPENING ON WALL STREET.

RECKITT AND COLMAN WAS 39P UP 853 AFTER EARLIER RUMOURS THAT BROKER PHILLIPS AND DREW HAD ISSUED A BUY RECOMMENDATION ON THE SHARES. PHILLIPS AND DREW DENIED ISSUING ANY REPORT ON RECKITT.

PHILLIPS AND DREW SAID IT HAD RECENTLY CHANGED ITS RECKITT RECOMMENDATION FROM "SELL" TO "HOLD".

DEALERS SAID BUYING INTEREST IN RECKITT AND COLMAN REFLECTED IN PART THE SPECULATIVE ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE FOOD SECTOR AFTER LAST WEDNESDAY'S OAM RABD BY JACOBS SUCHARD, WHEN IT INCREASED ITS STAKE IN ROMNEY TO 14.9 PCT.

HOWEVER, MANY OPERATORS THOUGHT RECKITT AN UNLIKELY TAKEOVER TARGET GIVEN ITS DIVERSE ACTIVITIES.

## London Gold

LONDON AFTERNOON GOLD FIXED AT 456.90 DLRS. LONDON, APRIL 19, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HELD AROUND THE LOWER END OF A NARROW TWO OLR RANGE THIS AFTERNOON, MATCHING COMEX TRENDS, AND WAS FIXED AT 456.90 DLRS AN OUNCE.

THIS WAS DOWN FROM THE OPENING 457.40/457.90 AND CLOSING 459.25/459.75, BUT SLIGHTLY UP ON THE MORNING FIX OF 456.55. DEALERS SAID BUSINESS WAS FAIRLY ROUTINE THIS AFTERNOON, WITH SHORTCOVERING HELPING TO LIMIT THE DOWNWARD TREND THAT HAD BEEN INITIATED BY EARLY PRODUCER SELLING.

ALTHOUGH MIDEAST GULF TENSION IS PROVIDING UNDERLYING SUPPORT, GOLD HAS FAILED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES, FALTERING YESTERDAY AROUND 460 DLRS, THEY NOTED.

## London Money Market

LONDON, APRIL 19, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ENDED THE DAY LITTLE CHANGED FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSING LEVELS WITH OPENING 1/16 POINT LOSSES CANCELLED OUT BY STERLING'S EARLY WEAKNESS, DEALERS SAID.

THE POUND FELL VICTIM TO PROFIT-TAKING EARLY ON BUT LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WAS AGAIN APPROACHING THE 3.15 MARKS LEVEL. TRADERS SAY THE OUTLOOK FOR STERLING REMAINS BULLISH AND, WHILE THIS IS THE CASE, A FALL IN BASE RATES IS STILL EXPECTED IF THE CURRENCY MOVES TOWARDS 3.20 MARKS.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTHS INTERBANK RATE STOOD UNCHANGED FROM LATE YESTERDAY AT EIGHT 7-7/8.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.8920/30	1.6625/35	5.6490/10	10.6870/7000	NOON
1.6588/6688	3.139/153	29.345/505	29.345/505	FIX
1.6465/6585	10.6855/7035	39.52/40.16	39.52/40.16	FIX
1.3748/3758	2.6062/6055	82.68/78	24.32/36	1300
1.8660	3.5295	112.18	33.015	FIX
1.244825	0.659576	2.07599	7.05385	CLSE
1.38652	0.737236	2.30759	7.82795	CLSE
124.35/45	235.27/59			NOON
SDR RATES	18/04/1988	OTHERS	19/04/1988	

BR VITA	420.0	420.0	HEYWOOD W	311.0	311.0	ROTORK	146.0	145.0
BRAMMER	236.0	236.0	HICKSON W	170.0	170.0	RUBEROID	145.0	145.0
BRENT CHE	143.0	144.0	NIGGS HIL	340.0	340.0	RUGBY GRP	267.0	266.0
BRENT WCR	355.0	355.0	HENDSON GP	371.0	370.0	SAGA HOLDS	189.0	179.0
BRIDON	146.4	147.0	HNTY SPNR	182.0	181.0	SALVENSEN	158.0	158.0
BRITANNIC	015.0	020.0	HOGG TST	230.0	228.0	SAVILLE G	39.0	40.0
BRIXTON E	276.0	276.0	HOLLIS	106.0	107.0	SAVOY "A"	903.0	900.0
BRUNNER	105.0	106.0	HOPKINSON	117.0	118.0	SCRR. GLOS	205.0	205.0
BSS INTL	66.0	66.0	HPSH GRM	238.0	238.0	SCOT HERI	185.0	186.0
BULMER NP	177.0	177.0	HRSR GMS	139.0	138.0	SCOT I.T.	122.0	122.0
BURGESS	230.0	228.0	HTY GROUP	219.0	220.0	SCOT MET	133.0	133.0
CALEDONIA	342.0	343.0	IBSTOCK J	188.0	188.0	SCOT MORT	100.0	101.0
CALOR GRP	370.0	370.0	ICE.FZ.FD	336.0	336.0	SCOT TV	378.0	373.0
CAMB ELEC	230.0	231.0	INDPMOT W	44.0	44.0	SCT NAT C	31.0	31.0
CAMB INST	42.0	42.0	INT.BU.CH	123.0	123.0	SCT NAT I	91.4	91.4
CANNING W	177.0	177.0	INT.CITY	163.0	164.0	SCT NAT W	8.0	8.0
CANON ST	277.0	278.0	INT.CAP.	319.0	320.0	SECS TST	100.0	100.0
CAP GRP	303.0	303.0	INVERGORD	210.0	210.0	SENIOR EN	51.4	52.0
CAP-RADIO	184.0	187.0	JANSON.MATN	274.0	274.0	SIEBE	350.0	350.0
CARDON	305.0	307.0	KALON GP	32.0	32.0	SIMON ENG	255.0	255.0
CARLON EN	173.0	173.0	KENDY BRK	411.0	412.0	SINGERFR	72.0	72.0
CARLESS C	111.0	112.0	KETSON	70.0	70.0	SLOUGH ES	279.0	279.0
CARLTON C	743.0	743.0	KLART BEN	376.0	377.0	SMITH D	359.0	355.0
CASE GRP	84.0	84.0	KLART O'S	122.0	122.0	SMITH W-8	57.4	58.0
CATER ALH	378.0	380.0	KWIK SAVE	344.0	344.0	SMITHS IN	246.0	246.0
CENTL ITV	505.0	503.0	KWIK-FIT	195.0	195.0	SKURFIT J	375.0	375.0
CHARTERHA	26.4	26.0	LAINC 'A'	319.0	320.0	SOV-O-GAS	117.0	118.0
CHAS CHUR	121.0	121.0	LAINC ORD	319.0	320.0	SPONG RLD	16.2	16.2
CHATER CN	332.0	333.0	LAINC PRP	404.0	403.0	SPRING HAM	184.0	184.0
CHLORIDE	33.0	33.0	LAIRD GP	231.0	231.0	SPRX-SARC	185.0	185.0
CHRISTIES	540.0	540.0	LAWMOT H	274.0	274.0	STAKIS	109.0	108.0
CI GROUP	42.0	43.0	LAUNDLES	316.0	316.0	STALEY A	296.0	295.0
CLIVE PET	146.0	147.0	LASMO OPS	169.0	168.0	STORMGUAR	12.0	12.0
CLYDE SEC	52.0	52.0	LAURENCE-W	154.0	154.0	STVLY IND	155.0	155.0
COALITE	311.0	312.0	LBN & NBN	263.0	262.0	STY DSGN	62.0	60.0
COATES BR	419.0	420.0	LBN & NBN	263.0	262.0	T-TEES TV	554.0	550.0
COLLINS A	372.0	372.0	LBN SHD	244.0	244.0	TELEMETRX	25.4	25.0
COLLINS W	566.0	566.0	LBN SHD	244.0	244.0	TELEBRETS	213.0	216.0
COLOROLL	179.0	182.0	LEIGH INT	218.0	219.0	TEMPLE BA	209.0	210.0
COSTAIN	317.0	318.0	LEIS SERV	366.0	366.0	T1 GROUP	324.0	323.0
COURTS A	179.0	178.0	LILLEY FJ	39.4	39.0	TIE RACK	134.0	135.0
COURTS FR	258.0	258.0	LIT	31.0	31.0	TIME PROD	181.0	182.0
COWIE (T)	120.0	120.0	LOGICA	281.0	280.0	TOKINS F	251.0	250.0
CREST NIC	114.0	113.0	LOVELL HD	250.0	251.0	TOTAL GP	101.0	101.0
CRODA INT	187.0	187.0	LOW (NM)	561.0	562.0	TR CITY	69.0	70.0
CROWTHER	185.0	186.0	LOW HMD	399.0	400.0	TR PACIFIC	113.0	114.0
CRSTALAT	149.0	149.0	LOW-BONER	225.0	225.0	TR RACIAL	46.0	46.0
CRYSTALAT	155.0	156.0	LWT HLD	138.0	139.0	TR TRSTEE	96.0	97.0
DARES EST	29.0	29.0	M-G GRP	383.0	382.0	TR TRSTEE	117.0	117.0
DAWSON IN	203.0	203.0	M.T.M.PLC	141.0	141.0	TRAVISAAR	351.0	350.0
DE LA RUE	392.0	392.0	MACRO 4	269.0	272.0	TRIMOCO	36.0	37.0
DELTA GRP	288.0	288.0	MAI	97.0	98.0	TRIPLEXX	196.0	196.0
DIPLONA	213.0	214.0	MANDERS	380.0	380.0	TRIMOCO G	31.0	31.0
DRAYTON C	425.0	426.0	MANSFIELD	413.0	410.0	TRIMOCO W	13.0	13.0
DRAYTON J	960.0	960.0	MARLEY	272.0	273.0	TRISPERT.DV	220.0	219.0
DRG	377.0	378.0	MARLEY	148.0	148.0	TURRIFT	318.0	317.0
DUNHILL	190.0	190.0	MARSTON T	117.0	117.0	TV SOUTH	303.0	306.0
EAGLE RFD	17.0	17.0	MATTHEWS	92.0	92.0	TV SW HLD	66.0	65.0
EAGLE TST	17.4	17.4	MCCARTHY	430.0	427.0	TYLR WORO	425.0	426.0
EDIN I.T.	148.0	148.0	MCCARTHY	430.0	427.0	TYNDALL	153.0	153.0
ELECTRA	198.0	197.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-APP HOL	284.0	283.0
ELECTROCOM	204.0	205.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-BORLAND	109.0	109.0
ELLIS EVA	175.0	176.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-BRD ST	36.0	36.0
ELLIS GOL	61.0	62.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-CIFER	13.4	13.4
ENAP	191.0	190.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-CLUFF	92.0	92.0
EMPIRE ST	210.0	210.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-CPU COM	75.0	75.0
ERKINSKE H	220.0	218.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-OEMEY W	118.0	115.0
EURO W RG	22.4	23.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-ELDRGE	353.0	350.0
EUTHERN	336.0	335.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-EXPLAUR	38.0	38.0
EUTROT R	326.0	325.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-FIELDS	93.0	93.0
EVERED HD	116.0	116.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-FLOYD O	30.0	31.0
EVOLVE GRP	155.0	157.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-FRATHRN	35.0	35.0
F & C PAC	127.0	128.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-HIGHS HT	76.0	76.0
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FED. HOUSH	292.0	291.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-KUNICK	38.0	38.0
FENNER JH	166.0	166.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-LAND FRF	160.0	160.0
FERGUSON	273.0	271.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-MICROVT	35.0	34.0
FINE ARTS	208.0	208.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-MINLVAR	32.0	33.0
FINLAY GP	75.0	75.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-MRISVS	8.0	8.0
FINLAY J	83.0	83.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-MRYSVDN	375.0	380.0
FISHERMAN	225.0	225.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-PROP TS	24.0	24.0
FLK BARCK	126.0	127.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-RANDSWTH	16.7	16.7
FLING AMER	109.0	109.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-RANDSWTH	134.0	137.0
FLING CLAV	237.0	238.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-SELECTV	19.0	19.0
FLING FEA	177.0	176.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-STH BUS	304.0	305.0
FLING JAPN	212.0	212.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-STHOPHE	219.0	218.0
FLING MERC	170.0	170.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-TSB C I	140.0	140.0
FLING OSEA	146.0	146.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-TYBLAR	21.0	22.0
FLING TECH	155.0	155.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-WAYNE K	69.0	69.0
FLING UNIV	138.0	138.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-WAYS LET	41.4	41.4
FOSCO NI	242.0	243.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U-YMKO GP	73.0	73.0
FR GROUP	273.0	272.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	U.E.I.	340.0	340.0
FRESHBRAKE	97.0	96.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	UK PAPER	141.0	141.0
FST LEISR	149.0	150.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	ULSTER TV	73.0	74.0
FST NAT P	240.0	242.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	UNDERWOOD	145.0	144.0
FST SCOT	177.0	177.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	UNION D15	570.0	573.0
FUR & COL	103.0	103.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	UTD. INDUS	60.0	61.0
GARDINER	47.0	47.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	VALLESLINC	54.0	54.0
GEST	225.0	225.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	VAUX GRP	540.0	540.0
GI INTL	114.0	114.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	VERSON	17.0	17.0
GESTETNER	180.0	180.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	VG INSTMT	393.0	390.0
GLYNEDD	480.0	480.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	VICKERS	163.0	163.0
GPG	77.0	76.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	VICKING RE	52.0	52.0
GRAMPN HD	254.0	255.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	VPI GRP	309.0	307.0
GREEN KONG	436.0	437.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WARBURG S	311.0	312.0
GREENLW	211.0	212.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WARD WHITE	314.0	312.0
GREYCOAT	392.0	392.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WATERFD O	71.0	71.0
GRUP TV A	44.0	45.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WATERFD U	71.0	71.0
G.T. PLTLD	306.0	306.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WATES CITY	185.0	186.0
GVS ORD	635.0	625.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WATSON+P	189.0	188.0
GUIT ATL A	115.0	116.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WATTS B&B	270.0	270.0
GUIT ORIE	267.0	268.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WCRS GRP	233.0	234.0
GUIT STRA	222.0	223.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WELLMAN	36.4	37.0
H'LAND DIS	99.0	98.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WEMLEY	127.0	127.0
HALL (N)	156.0	158.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WESTLAND	79.0	79.0
HALL (N)	156.0	158.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WHENEY	31.0	31.0
HAMRODS	198.0	199.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WHINAY	30.0	31.0
HAMROSON	614.0	613.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WILKER INV	107.0	108.0
HARRISON C	589.0	590.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WILSON GRW	177.0	117.0
HEATH(CS)	372.0	370.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WILSON CON	390.0	391.0
HELENE LN	35.0	35.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WOLSELEY	284.0	288.0
HENDERST	138.0	138.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WOLVEDUD	385.0	385.0
HENDEN-ST	138.0	138.0	MCKENZIE	322.0	321.0	WPP GRP	521.0	520.0



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## BUSINESS

## Oil and gold prices ease

## Gulf tensions keep boosting dollar

LONDON, April 19, (Reuters): Worries about tension in the Gulf kept boosting the dollar today, but oil and gold prices eased as traders cashed in gains made when prices jumped yesterday after US and Iranian forces clashed.

But six months after 'Black Monday' — the day Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average plunged 22.6 per cent, or 508 points — stock markets were quiet and prices hardly moved.

**Gained**  
London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares opened 4.2 points higher at 1,792, while Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei index closed just 14.45 points lower at 26,657.00 — still above its 1987 peak, set just before the October crash.

"The event is over but the memory lingers on," said Larry Wachtel of Prudential-Bache Securities, in New York.

The dollar gained half a pence and a third of a yen to 1.6625 West German marks and 124.40 yen. It rose more than a cent to trade around 1.8930 British pounds sterling.

"The dollar is going to remain steady as long as there is this sort of tension in the Gulf. Nervousness always pushes people back to the dollar," a Paris dealer said.

**Down**  
Bullion dealers said trading was quiet as gold prices eased in response to the dollar's slight gains.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$457.75 a troy ounce and at midmorning, the city's

five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$456.55. Both were down from yesterday's late bid of \$459.25.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$456.75, down from \$458.50 late yesterday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$0.39 to close at a bid of \$457.59.

**Worries**  
Silver also fell in London where it was selling at bid price of \$6.42 a troy ounce compared with \$6.49 late yesterday.

Traders say that while they always worry that the war could stop shipments of oil from the Gulf, through which about one-tenth of the non-Communist world's oil moves, international oil markets remain glutted.

That helped limit the rise in oil

prices after yesterday's clashes, dealers said.

Yesterday's rises did renew some stock market investors' worries about inflation, said Toranobu Sugai, a vice-president at Shearson Lehman Bros Asia, in Tokyo.

"In terms of inflation, it is not so much the immediate impact but the worry is there," said strategist Craig Chudler of Smith New Court Far East, in Tokyo.

**Payments**  
In Japan, dealers said they were also unsettled by falling US bond prices, fearing that their continuing slide means US investors are betting that inflation is about to rise.

A drop in bond prices boosts the effective interest-rate return an investor receives — basically,

buyers are getting their fixed-rate payments at a discount.

By marking the price of bonds lower, investors are saying current returns are too low and the main reason is that many are feeling inflation rates will rise faster than they had thought.

Inflation worried stock markets, too. Paris shares eased, with the bourse indicator down 0.23 cent, while the All-Share Swiss index fell 1.4 points to 828.1.

But Amsterdam's CBS all share index opened 0.2 points higher at 85, and Frankfurt's Boersen-Zeitung index opened 2.76 points higher at 297.89.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index 41.97 points to 2,593.93, while Sydney's all-ordinaries index was up 0.9 points at 1,451.8.

## World Bank chief would ease payments

## Third World debt expected to reach \$1.245t at the end of this year

WASHINGTON, April 19, (AP): Proposals for reductions and easier terms for the poorest borrowing countries in paying their debts to the World Bank were announced on Friday by President Barber Conable.

One proposal would have saved about 40 countries from Bangladesh to Zambia \$56.4 million if it had been in effect in the year that ended last June 30, spokesman Bill Brannigan said. Conable said in a speech that he expects this to be approved by the 151 governments that own the bank. It would remove a fee of 0.5 per cent on loans promised but not yet disbursed.

**Loan**  
He added that he also had proposed new terms to ease the burden of the debt and increase flows from the bank.

The version of his speech distributed to reporters did not say

what the new terms would be. They could include longer repayment periods; for example, a loan repayable in 15 years might be stretched to 20. Another possibility is the lengthening of grace periods during which only interest, and not principal, is repaid.

**Agreement**  
The Bank authorised about \$17.5 billion in loans last year and is hoping to make it close to \$20 billion for the year that will end this June 30.

Conable said the Bank will try to mobilise more help from other sources: commercial banks, governments and other lenders. "But this must be a joint effort of all the major parties involved," he said. "We look to others to contribute their resources in the search for such solutions."

Conable was speaking to the

joint development committee of the bank and its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund.

Third World debt is rising, expected to total \$1.245 trillion at the end of 1988. But there is widespread agreement that these countries need still more loans to help develop them out of their poverty, especially since they paid out \$25 billion more for imports and in debt payments last year than they took in from exports and new loans.

**Earnings**  
In a report to the committee, Conable said the overriding issue is to reduce that burden. Otherwise Third World countries will start reducing their payments, he warned.

The same meeting heard an optimistic speech from US Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III.

In 15 heavily indebted "middle income" countries, export earnings have risen sharply, he said. Middle income countries are those like Mexico, where according to the bank's most recent figures the average income in 1986 was \$1,850 down from 2,100 in 1985.

**Aid**  
The figure for the United States was \$17,500 in 1986.

Baker said that compared with the early 1980s, prospects for the poorest countries in Southern Africa are "somewhat more favourable." These countries include Burkina Faso, where the average income per citizen is estimated at \$150 for 1986 — less than 50 cents a day.

Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, called on governments to convert their aid

loans into grants and reduce interest rates on others, especially for Africa.

The US government has been resisting interest rate reduction for the poorest countries, contending that it would give a bad example for middle-income countries. It has not made any conversions to grants. Bert Kull, a spokesman at the US Agency for International Development (USAID), said it could do neither without Congress passing a law.

Baker did not mention these subjects in the published version of his speech.

"The UK (United Kingdom) alone has written off getting out for half a billion dollars of African aid loans since 1979," Lawson said. "Many other countries have done the same."

He called the problem "painfully simple."

## Gulf Bank launches telephone banking service

THE Gulf Bank, keeping its commitment to make banking more convenient, has announced the introduction of banking by telephone. Telephone banking is the second service offered as part of home-banking, the first being Micro Banking in October 1986. Both are the first totally automated telephone and micro computer banking services available in Kuwait.

To use telephone banking, all a customer needs is a touch tone telephone and his personal identification number which is the same as the one used at Gulf Bank ATMs. By following instructions provided during the call, a customer can check his account balance, foreign exchange rates, fixed deposit rates, transfer funds between accounts, and request a new cheque book or his account statement.

**Service**  
The general public can also use the service to obtain the latest fixed deposit and foreign currency rates. All they need to do is press the key when the account number is asked for.

Telephone Banking is available 24 hours a day by dialling 245-9400 from anywhere in the world. A touch-tone telephone is required. The service at present is available in Arabic only.

## IMF finds itself in a monetary nightmare

## Six-year-old debt crisis seems as severe as ever

WASHINGTON, April 19, (Reuters): Away from the brave words about global economic harmony and cooperation, the six-year-old debt crisis seems as severe as ever to the heavily indebted nations of sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

"I keep wanting to believe things in my country are going to improve, that the sacrifices are going to be worthwhile, but I am far from certain," said one Third World official who attended last week's semi-annual meeting in Washington of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

**Activity**  
Other officials were already calling the 1980s "the lost decade, the decade when economic activity stood still."

They said since 1980 per capita income has dropped by one-quarter in sub-Saharan Africa and one-seventh in Latin America.

Since 1982, developing nations have been repaying more money than they have been getting in new assistance, further hurting efforts to bring about economic reform.

**Crisis**  
There is growing evidence that even repayment of loans to the IMF has become financially or politically impossible for some countries. Such a turn of events would have been considered unthinkable just a few years ago.

Traditionally, the IMF makes relatively short-term money available to countries to help them through temporary

balance of payments problems.

When the debt crisis emerged in 1982 with Mexico warning that its reserves were so low it might have to default on its foreign debt, the IMF found itself in a monetary nightmare.

These days the crisis seems less dramatic but in many ways more pervasive. The IMF worries that failure by a growing number of countries to repay loans could undermine broad new initiatives to help the very poorest countries, officials say.

In the past, IMF officials publicly have tended to play down the payments arrears, saying the sums involved were still only a tiny part of its overall loan portfolio. But behind the scenes IMF managing director Michel Camdessus is giving the problem increasing attention, monetary sources said.

**Adjustments**  
At present, Vietnam, Peru, Sudan, Zambia, Liberia and Guyana have been declared ineligible for new loans — one of the harshest IMF sanctions available for being late with payments.

Two others nations — Sierra Leone and Somalia — are in arrears on payments and are considered in danger of being added to the list. A number of others are also worrying officials.

What bothers Camdessus and other officials most is that all the countries already declared ineligible and those on the danger list are the ones which would benefit from a recently

broadened structural adjustment economic facility.

The rise in the facility, a Camdessus priority, was aimed at helping the poorest countries to cope better with their plight.

Camdessus convinced countries that the facility should be tripled to \$12 billion, allowing vast new funds to be channelled into the poorest countries.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson proposed during last week's meetings a system under which nations that kept to certain economic conditions over a year could become eligible for new loans without having their payments up to date.

While the debt issue loomed large during the meetings, some monetary sources said it seemed to be pushed aside by a sudden drop on Wall Street on Thursday and the retreat of the dollar that resulted from Washington's announcement that the US trade deficit worsened in February. Markets had been expecting it to improve for the third straight month.

**Retreat**  
Prior to the stock market retreat, the Group of Seven industrial countries had painted a largely sanguine view of their efforts at economic cooperation to stabilise currencies.

The major currencies had been in relative balance in recent months, and it seemed that the larger countries had weathered the stock market crash of October 19 without any lasting damage. But Thursday's market retreat

set off a scare that turned the attention of finance ministers and central bankers back to the issues of imbalances among wealthy countries.

On Friday, the day the meetings ended, bargain hunters came back into the markets and share values turned stronger again.

"To the poorest countries," however, the lesson was clear. Problems among major nations have not gone away and there is some reason to doubt that the major non-Communist economies would grow over the next two years as the IMF is predicting.

To the developing countries this is one of the greatest fears of all. If economies of the industrial countries which are still enjoying one of the longest expansions in a generation were to weaken badly, perhaps slip into recession, the impact on the poorest countries would probably be devastating.

In the past, the poorest countries had called for massive new approaches to the global debt crisis on the grounds that current efforts had failed. But such an arrangement could take years to put into place and, for the poorest countries, this is far too long, officials said.

## Texas raises possibility of cooperation with Opec on prices

WASHINGTON, April 19, (AP): A suggestion that the US state of Texas may cut production and cooperate with Opec to shore up oil prices raises serious antitrust questions and would not be in the country's best interests, oil analysts and government officials said yesterday.

"You can imagine what the (Ronald) Reagan administration thinks about it," said a State Department official who spoke only on condition of anonymity. "It's an organisation that does not operate in US interests."

**Production**  
Doug Elmets, press aide to Energy Secretary John Herrington, said: "It's the department's belief and the government's policy that assistance to Opec in its effort to manipulate the price of oil is not the correct approach."

The Harte-Hanks newspaper group disclosed last week that Kent Hance, one of three members of the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates oil production in the southwestern state, would discuss the possibility of reducing Texas' oil production with officials of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries during the

organisation's April 23 meeting in Vienna.

"I think there is a good chance the commission could get involved," Hance said. "I think that (cutting Texas production) is one of the things that has to be considered. It would be one of the items we would discuss."

Hance said he would not make any deals without the approval of his colleagues and Texas Governor Bill Clements, who have told him to go ahead with the trip.

**Doubts**  
Some industry analysts expressed doubts about the wisdom of such an action, while others questioned its legality.

"It is probably a violation of the (US) antitrust laws," said John Lamont, oil specialist in the Washington law firm of Lobel, Novins, Lamont and Flub.

However, William Baxter, who headed the antitrust division of the Justice Department early in the Reagan administration, said, "It is fairly standard doctrine that the antitrust laws apply only to private activity," not action by a state.

Hance's efforts pose "a very interesting question. The economic evil that results is precisely

the evil that the antitrust laws are aimed against," Baxter said in an interview from the Stanford University law school in Palo Alto, California, where he is a professor.

**Output**  
Texas is the United States' No. 1 oil producing state. Statistics for 1986, the most recent that break down production by state, show output of 2.3 million barrels from 201,000 wells — a quarter of the nation's production and a third of its wells.

Since 1972, the Texas Railroad Commission has set allowable production quotas at 100 per cent of capacity. It was these quotas that had permitted Texas to serve the role of "swing producer" in world oil markets before the rise of Opec in the 1960s and 1970s.

**Collapse**  
Texas was hit hard by the oil price collapse of 1986 engineered by Opec's leading producer, Saudi Arabia. The state lost 8,000 wells during that year. The average price at the well plunged from \$26.80 per barrel in 1985 to \$14.74 in 1986, cutting the aggregate wellhead value of the state's crude production from \$24 billion to \$12 billion.

## Iran's imports worth 12 times its non-oil exports

NICOSIA, April 19, (Reuters): Iran imported goods worth \$12.76 billion and exported non-oil goods worth \$1.09 billion in the Iranian year ended on March 20, the Iranian News Agency Irna reported yesterday.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted customs figures as saying the main exports were hand-woven carpets, pistachio nuts, hides, chopper bars, fresh and dried fruits, fish, caviar, construction materials and chemicals.

The exports, weighing a total of 11.15 million tonnes, had increased 14.7 per cent in value and 78.5 per cent in weight over the previous year, it said.

**Foodstuffs**  
Irna did not list the imports, but foodstuffs, chemicals, industrial machinery and spare parts constitute the bulk of Iran's imports. Military purchases for Iran's 7-1/2-year-old war with Iraq were not included in the customs report.

Crude oil exports, Iran's main source of revenue, were expected to earn \$8.6 billion in 1987/88 Iranian year, according to figures given in parliamentary budget debates in March.

## Energy meeting gives new impetus to Arab integration

THE convening of the Fourth Arab Energy Conference in Baghdad last month according to the plans drawn up during the third conference in Algiers in 1985 was a remarkable achievement given the circumstances prevailing in Iraq and the Arab world. Economic conditions in the Arab countries have been rather grim, with oil revenues this year being less than half what they were during the last conference according to Oapec monthly bulletin.

Some predicted that the budget cuts suffered by many Arab institutions would preclude the convening of the conference in particular, the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, which acts as the conference's secretariat, currently has a staff of less than half what it had at the third conference, and it was thought that this would prevent Oapec from organising the fourth conference.

In addition, Iranian attacks, especially on Baghdad, intensified immediately before and during the conference.

**Achievement**  
On the contrary, these factors increased the determination of the conference sponsoring institutions to convene the conference on time, with presentations and discussions proceeding exactly as planned.

This achievement was made possible by the cooperation and generosity of the host country, Iraq, the dedication of the sponsoring institutions, and, most

importantly, the willingness of participants to shrug off any risks in order to strengthen Arab ties. The conference's success was more than symbolic. It showed, by no measure, a commitment to the conference as an institution. The enthusiastic participation in the conference was a clear indication of the growth of independent Arab thinking on energy issues.

An intensive discussion of current and future energy developments during the four days of the conference resulted in many conclusions that will be useful to Arab policy-makers and analysts.

The participants placed special emphasis on the following points:

**Demand**  
Arab economic conditions and welfare are still overdependent on foreign exchange and GNP revenues, which are linked to the vagaries of unstable oil markets; consequently they remain highly vulnerable. There is no easy way to change this state of affairs except by working relentlessly toward greater integration of Arab markets using the energy sector as the motivating force behind integration in all economic sectors.

Given the diverse resource base and geographical disparity of the Arab states, pan-Arab cooperation, which is incorporated in the conference theme, is the only feasible path to Arab economic integration.

Indeed, without inter-Arab cooperation there can be no pan-Arab development. Natural gas and refined petroleum products must be allowed to play their full role in Arab development, and this can only be achieved by establishing an integrated refining industry that caters for a single Arab market and allows existing refineries to operate at optimum capacity and by establishing the necessary infrastructure and distribution links throughout the Arab world.

Arab demand for energy must be continuously monitored and analysed in order to help planners meet future requirements using available sources. Plans must also be made for the installation of nuclear power plants in the Arab world in the coming century, and efforts must be focused on making the technological changes that will maximise the use of solar energy in technically and economically feasible applications.

Given the currently low oil recovery rate of about 25 per cent in the Arab region, research into relevant technologies must be conducted. Enhanced oil recovery techniques would enable producers to double the quantity of oil that is recoverable using primary methods.

A strong and diversified economic structure is the best way for the member countries to achieve a greater degree of flexibility in dealing with oil markets once they have restructured their oil production and pricing policies according to their economic and developmental needs.

## Industrial nations inch towards gold as economic benchmark

WASHINGTON, April 19, (AP): Finance leaders of the seven major industrial nations have endorsed a plan that would restore a small part of the prominence that gold once played in world monetary systems.

The plan, pushed by US Treasury Secretary James Baker III, would use gold as one of a "basket" of commodities to be watched by financial officials for indications of worldwide inflation.

Using the commodities as a guide would help them stabilise currency exchange rates, according to the plan.

The so-called Group of Seven, including the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy, also agreed at their recent meeting to continue efforts aimed at preventing the dollar from declining any further.

**Lower**  
The United States and its six allies decided in September 1985 to push the dollar lower to correct America's huge trade deficit, but the countries have been trying since February 1987 to halt the currency's decline.

The effort did not meet with much success last year, and the steadily deteriorating dollar was cited as one of the reasons the world's financial markets were thrown into turmoil last October.

Baker first unveiled his commodity price indicator at the last meeting of the seven countries' finance leaders in September. Some nations expressed skepticism then, wondering whether

the idea was a veiled effort to re-introduce a gold standard.

But Baker picked up enough converts to get the proposal endorsed, although other finance ministers stressed that many details of the plan, including just what commodities to include, still remain to be worked out.

**Approach**  
Baker has insisted that his approach is not an effort to return to the gold-based monetary system that existed between the end of World War II and 1973. For most of that time, the price of gold was fixed at \$35 an ounce and the currencies of other governments were set at fixed rates based on the dollar.

President Richard Nixon broke the link with gold in 1973 as the system crumbled under the weight of rising inflation and large trade imbalances.

In another victory for Baker, the joint statement singled out the 'newly industrialised countries in Asia for criticism for their continued high trade surpluses. It urged those nations to do more to lower their own barriers to other countries' exports and to allow their currencies to rise in value in relation to the dollar.

**Critical**  
These developments are seen as critical by the administration if the United States is to make progress this year in reducing its trade deficit, which hit a record \$171 billion in 1987. Almost one-fourth of that total came in trade with South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. Analysts saw the latest com-

muniqué as a continuation of Baker's three-year effort to reduce America's huge trade deficits. They said there was probably a renewed urgency in the push since Baker's longtime friend, Vice President George Bush, would like to see further improvements before the November presidential election.

"The (opposition) Democrats are standing ready to hang the Republicans on the trade issue at the first sign of new trouble. Baker doesn't want to give them the opportunity," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co.

Sinai said the commodity price index represents a device Baker hopes to be able to target to convince West Germany and Japan to do more to stimulate economic growth.

**Proposal**  
Still, both Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg indicated less than wholehearted support for the proposal, saying further study was needed before the plan could be put into effect.

They said the index would be only one of a variety of economic statistics countries would use in setting policy. The economic coordination process, which was approved at the Tokyo summit in 1986, also includes review of such items as growth rates, inflation and trade balances.

Stoltenberg told reporters that changes in the commodity index would not "automatically produce a need for action" if certain price levels were exceeded.

## GOVERNMENT TENDERS

The Official Gazette (At Kuwait Alyoum) Issue No. 1763 dated 13.3.1988, the CTC hereby agrees to include M/s Burgan Conco Co. in the list of companies qualified to participate in the above tender.

**PT/21-38/88 — Cleaning works in public libraries.**  
The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that the name of M/s Abdullah Al Shamari & Sons was erroneously stated in the qualified companies list in Issue No. 1765 dated 27.3.1988 to participate for the above tender.

**MEW/22/4/150-87/88 — Supply of ductile pipes & joints**  
The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that the local agent of M/s Griffin Pipe Products Co. was not as mentioned erroneously in Issue No. 1763 dated 13.3.1988.

**Kuwait National Petroleum Co. Bidding No. 639 R/S — Purchase of seamless "UP" pipes**

The K.N.P.C. — Shuaiba Refinery hereby invites the above bidding in conformity with the general and special conditions and specifications stated in the bidding documents which can be obtained from the Higher Committee for Purchases & Projects during office hours as of Sunday 10.4.88. Offers shall be addressed to the Chairman & Managing Director, K.N.P.C., P.O. Box No. 70, 13001 Safat, Kuwait and shall be deposited in the Tender Box at the Company Headquarters.

Offers shall be valid for 90 days from the date of opening offer envelopes. The initial guarantee shall be 2-1/2% of offer's value to be valid throughout the offer's validity period.

**Kuwait National Petroleum Co. Bidding No. 3423/S — Purchase of a bundle of heat exchanger pipes.**  
The General Administration of

Civil Aviation hereby announces the above bidding in accordance with conditions and specifications stated in the bidding documents which can be obtained from the Tenders Division General-Admin. for Civil Aviation as from Tuesday 5.4.88 against a non-refundable fee of KD 10/-.

The bidding is open for contractors registered at Building Department Contractor's Section at the Municipality of Kuwait.

**Ministry of Public Health Bidding No. MS/129/88 — Extension works of fire alarm system at psychiatric hospital.**

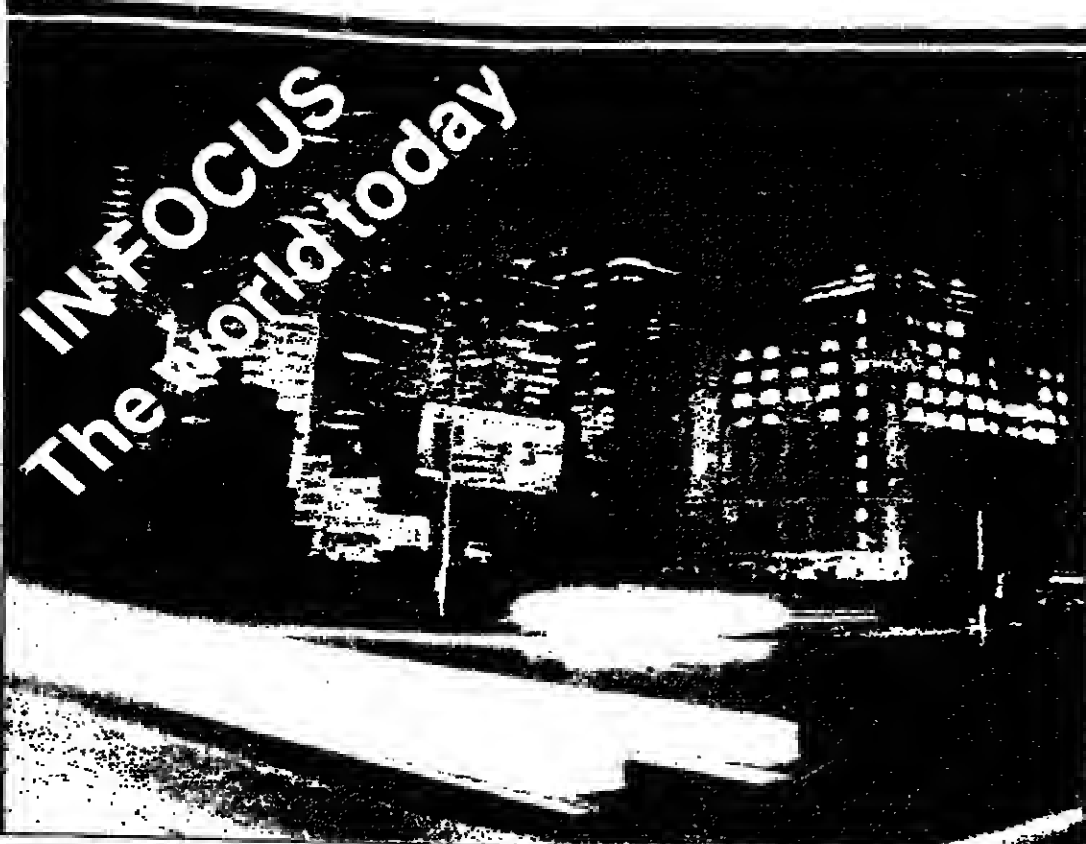
The Ministry of Public Health announces the above bidding. All companies and establishments interested in this bidding may contact the Stores/Purchases Dept. Tenders Div. 2nd floor, Financial Affairs to collect the booklet of the bidding conditions against a non-refundable fee of KD 20/-.

The offers shall be submitted together with the initial guarantee, receipts of the above fee and a proof of licensing by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and registration at the Central Tenders Committee and approved by the Fire Brigade General Admin. in envelopes sealed with red wax and without stating the company name or any distinguishing marks, not later than 12 noon, Wednesday 20.4.88.

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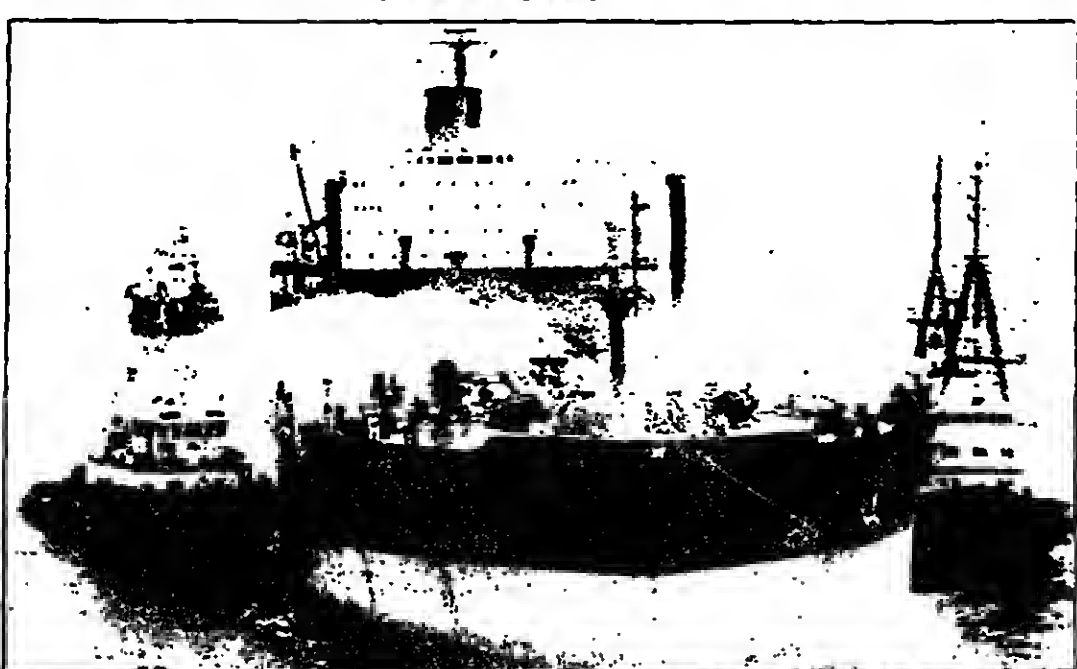
CAR headlights blaze as the Montreal skyline is robbed of its radiance by a huge electrical failure which blacked out the whole province and part of the Maritimes on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



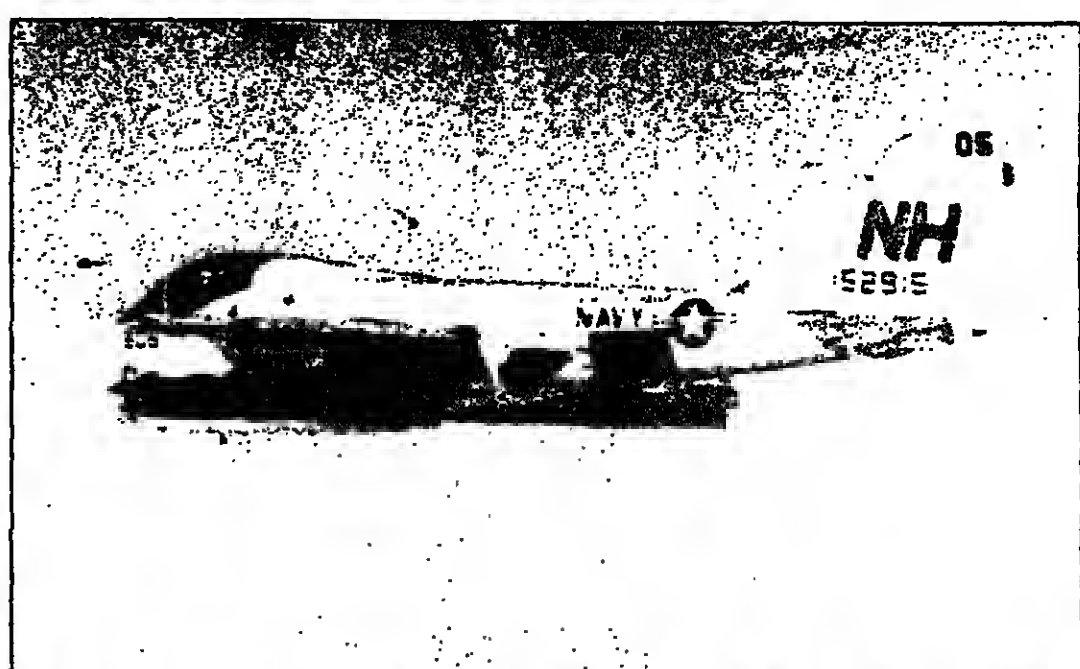
A MACHINE GUN lies abandoned on a smouldering Iranian oil-platform at Sirri in the southern Gulf on Monday after US warships set the platform ablaze. Pentagon reports a US Cobra helicopter is missing after the US and Iranian warships exchanged fire in the Gulf in a major naval confrontation. This September 14, 1987 file photo (right) shows a Cobra helicopter flying alongside a convoy of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers during a patrol mission in the Gulf. (Reuter wirephoto)



MOUSSETAHA BADIO of France raises his arms in victory as he crosses the finish line to win the wheelchair division of the 92nd Boston Marathon on Monday. His winning time of 1:43:19 set a new course record. (Below), Ibrahim Hussein of Kenya gives a thumbs up and waves the Kenyan flag as Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn places the traditional winner's laurel wreath atop his head after Hussein narrowly defeated Juma Ikangaa of Tanzania to win the marathon. (Reuter wirephoto)



SALVAGE tugs in the southern Gulf yesterday spray water onto the still smouldering British-flag tanker 'York Marine' which was attacked by Iranian speed-boats on Monday. They set fire to the tanker while attacking the United Arab Emirates oilfield of Mubarak. US Navy A-6 Intruder jets (similar to one in this undated photo, right) struck two Iranian frigates in the Gulf on Monday after the US destroyed two Iranian oil platforms, the Pentagon said. (Reuter wirephoto)



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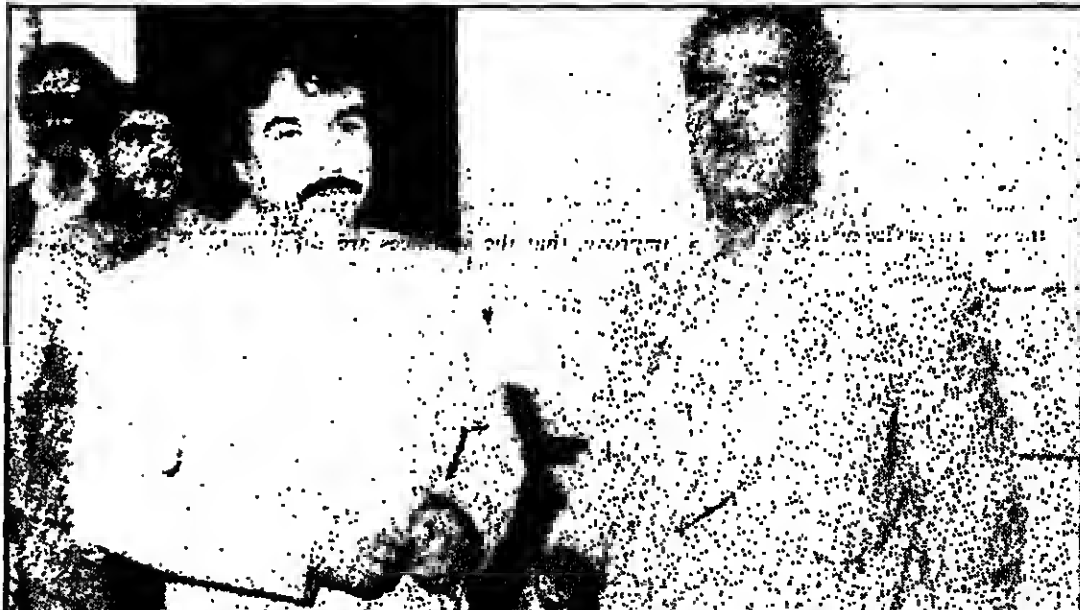
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A COPY of a letter by the family, a friend and fiancée of British hostage John McCarthy published in Beirut's As Safr newspaper yesterday. The letters of love and hope were to mark the beginning of McCarthy's third year of captivity in Lebanon. (Reuter wirephoto)



THIS file photo of the American embassy in Muslim East Beirut seen prior to its destruction in 1983 was delivered by the Islamic Jihad to an international news agency yesterday. The group pledged in their statement to support the uprising in the occupied territories and to continue the war against Israel and the US. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO brothers of assassinated PLO commander Khalil Al Wazir, Ghaleb (right) and Zouheir, receive condolences from visitors on Monday in a house in the Tunis suburb of La Soukra. (Reuter wirephoto)



LEBANESE President Amin Gemayel shakes hands with French President Francois Mitterrand after a half-an-hour meeting at the Elysee Palace yesterday. Speaking on French television yesterday, Gemayel said plans to release French hostages in Lebanon were aborted by factional fighting in Tehran. (Reuter wirephoto)



PICTURES released by police of Gregorio Scarfo (left) and Giovanni Allmonti. Magistrates issued an arrest warrant for them on charges of killing Senator Ruffilli and committing an act of terrorism. Scarfo, on the run since 1980, is believed to have been a member of the Northern Italian Genoa column of the Red Brigades before moving to Rome. (Reuter wirephoto)



PLO representative in the Netherlands sits at his desk on which a large star of David was painted by an unknown group of people who broke into the office over the weekend and went through several files. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie (right) meets with the Archbishop of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu (second right), his wife, Nomilzo Leah (second left) and their daughter Naomi in London yesterday. Tutu is on a tour of Europe, the United States and Canada. (Reuter wirephoto)



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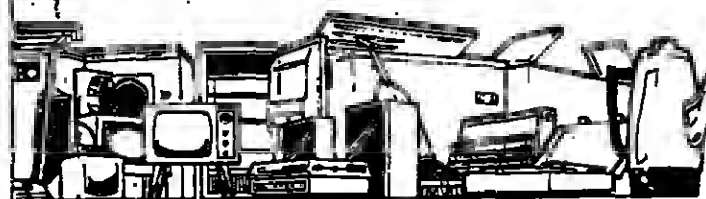
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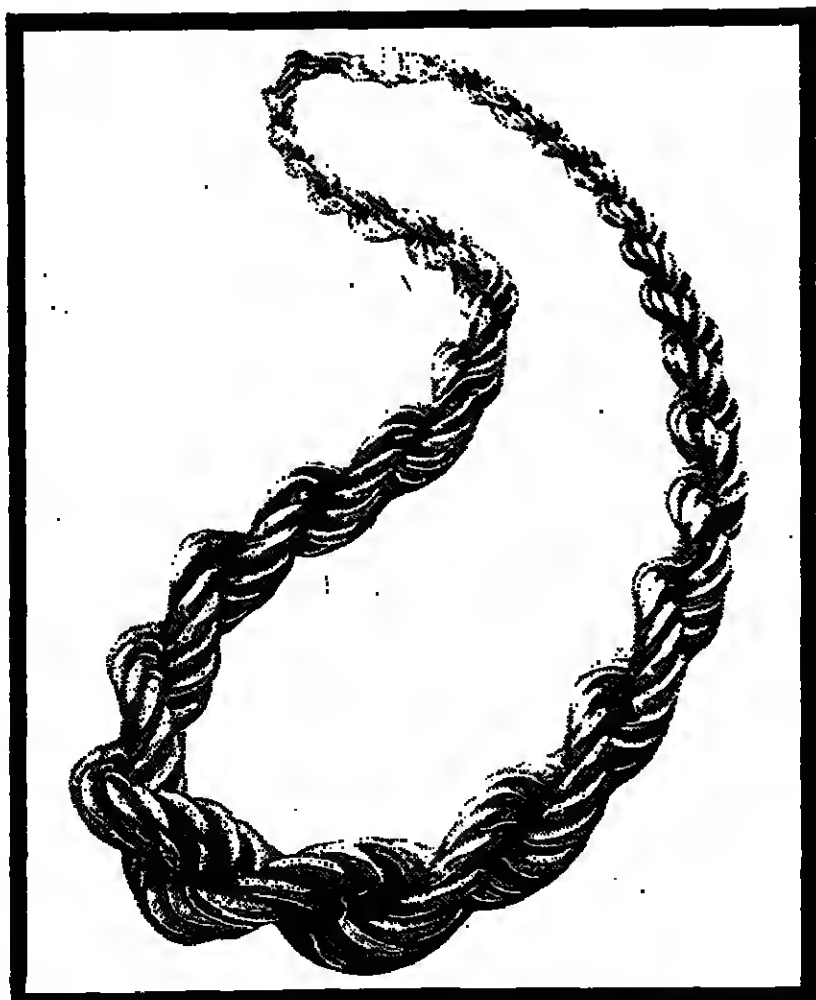
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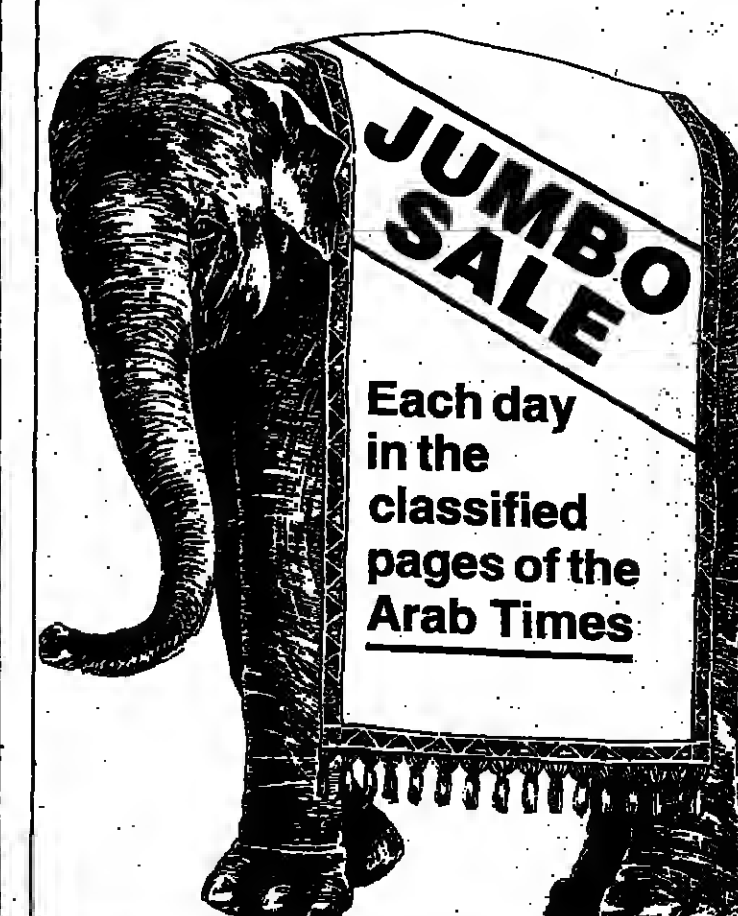
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## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Top for 1987

STUTTGART, West Germany, April 19, (Reuters): Irish world cycling champion Stephen Roche and West German tennis star Steffi Graf have been voted European Sports Personalities of 1987 by the European Sports-writers' Federation (UEPS).

## Yannick Noah

MONTE CARLO, April 19, (UPI): Yannick Noah, the eighth-ranked tennis player in the world, will skip Wimbledon this year so he can rest after a busy first half of the season. The Frenchman said he wanted to relax between the French Open in late May and his nation's Davis Cup semifinal tie in Sweden in late July.

## European boxing

PARIS, April 19, (UPI): Frenchman Christophe Tiozzo, who has not lost in 19 professional fights, scored a majority decision over Pierre Joly late last night to claim Joly's European middleweight title. Tiozzo, 24, was knocked down by the champion in the first round but gradually became the aggressor in the fight and gained control against the 34-year-old Joly. Tiozzo was given 117-114 and 118-116 victories on two judges' cards.

## Title fight

TOKYO, April 19, (UPI): World Boxing Council junior bantamweight champion Gilberto Roman of Mexico will defend his title against Japanese Yoshiyuki Uchida in Japan July 9, the Japan Boxing Commission said today.

## Contract signed

TOKYO, April 19, (UPI): World Boxing Association strawweight champion Leo Gomez of Venezuela and Japanese challenger Kenji Yokozawa signed a contract yesterday for their title fight scheduled for Sunday in Tokyo, the Japan Boxing Commission said today.

## IBF bout

PARIS, April 19, (UPI): International Boxing Federation light heavyweight champion Charles Williams of the United States will defend his title against Richard Caramanolis of France in mid-June, promoters said. The fight will be held in Annecy, France, on June 13, promoters said Monday night.

## Welsh stars

CARDIFF, Wales, April 19, (UPI): Foreign based stars Ian Rush (Juventus) and Mark Hughes (Bayern Munich) are included in the squad named yesterday by new Welsh team boss Terry Yorath for the April 27 friendly soccer match against Sweden in Stockholm. Everton's team captain Kevin Ratcliffe and fellow-defender Neil Slater of Oxford are sidelined by injury.

## Soccer friendly

BELFAST, April 19, (UPI): Uncapped winger Robbie Dennis, who has helped Wolverhampton's promotion surge at the top of the English First Division, has been recalled for Northern Ireland's April 27 friendly soccer international against France.

## DEVOTY TRIUMPHS IN WOMEN'S DIVISION

## Jahangir retains British Open title



Jahangir: 7th consecutive victory

LONDON, April 19, (Reuters): Jahangir Khan won the British Open squash title yesterday for the seventh year in succession when he beat Australian Rodney Martin 9-2 9-10 8-0 9-1 in an 83-minute final.

It was a disappointing evening for Martin who on the way to attempting to fulfil a life-time ambition had beaten world champion Jansher Khan and former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand.

Clear But Jahangir, the number two seed, proved too strong, recovering from the loss of second game to race to another victory in the Wimbledon of Squash.

At the beginning of the third game the service changed eight times at 0-0 but eventually the Pakistani, helped by a series of mistakes by Martin, swept clear.

It was a similar pattern in the final game and Jahangir now only needs one more British Open to win to equal Australian Geoff Hunt's record.

"I wanted to win badly," a jubilant Jahangir said after-

wards. "The British Open means more to me than any other tournament, even the world championship. It is the Wimbledon of squash."

His victory took him past the six straight wins of his illustrious uncle Hashim Khan in this tournament.

It also enhanced his chances of regaining the world title in Amsterdam next month. His five-year reign in that event ended in 1986 when he lost the final to New Zealander Ross Norman — his first defeat in 5-1/2 years. Then in last year's final Jansher inflicted on him one of his nine defeats in 10 meetings with his younger compatriot over the past year.

Yet Jahangir paid Jansher some credit yesterday. "I suppose you could say Jansher has brought me back into the game this season," said Jahangir, in reference to his intensive training he realised was necessary for this event.

He showed the benefits of the hard work after he dropped the second game to Martin — the only game he has lost in his seven

successful Wembley campaigns. He shifted to a higher gear with some stinging drives and a ruthless short game, and he added a few spectacular retrieves to shatter Martin's resistance completely.

Despite his victory, he says he is not too concerned about regaining the world number one ranking he has lost to Jansher.

"As long as I keep winning tournaments, I am happy," he said.

The women's title went for the fifth successive year to Sue Devoy of New Zealand, who is also 24. She beat Australian Liz Irving 9-7 9-5 9-1.

## Prove

She, too, reaped the rewards of some tough preparation after a series of recent defeats. "I had to prove to myself that I can still do it. I know I'm the best in the world and it means working to live up to it," she said.

"I don't think I've worked myself as hard as in the last month. If I had lost, it would have been an awful waste of time."

## Hubara edge Casuals for Napier Bowl

HUBARA Cricket Club overcame a strong challenge from Casuals to win the Napier Bowl by three wickets on Friday.

In a low scoring game Hubara's bowlers embarrassed the Casual batsmen removing nine for 52 runs. Only Kevin Wells (16) and Peter Bond (13) of the recognised batsmen reached the double figures.

Akram Khan (20 not out) top scored, hitting four boundaries batting at No. 10, to take the score to 75. Patrick Flower (two for 21), Jimmy James (four for 11) and Oliver Perreira (four for 25) dismissed the Casual side with ease.

Casuals' howling revolved around Steve Anderson's (four for 26) opening spell. Anderson first dismissed Dave Talbot (9), caught low down by Harry Ernest. Next Craig Shipton (17) was caught behind off a glove, hooking a short delivery.

James (0) soon followed and Casuals had fought their way back into the game. Ralph de Neise (29) raised the score from 21 to 66 before he was caught off a drifting Peter Bond (three for 14) delivery.

Tony Stein (14 not out) ended the game with a boundary as Hubara struggled to 77 for 7 in the 22nd over.

Craig Shipton later received the trophy on behalf of the Hubara club while Casuals' skipper Richard Snowden assured all present that his side would be keen to regain the trophy next season.

## Roxburgh names squad

GLASGOW, April 19, (Reuters): Andy Roxburgh, who tried out a number of promising youngsters in Scotland's last two internationals against Saudi Arabia and Malta, has plumped for experience for the friendly against Spain in Madrid on April 27.

The Scotland manager today recalled Dundee United's Dave Narey, Neil Simpson of Aberdeen, Borussia Dortmund's Murdo Macleod and Mo Johnston of Nantes when he announced a squad of 21.

Narey has not figured in Scotland's plans since collecting his 33rd cap against Belgium a year ago.

Said Roxburgh: "The last couple of games have been more like B-level matches when we tried the younger players but now is the time to play our best and most experienced players."

The match at the Bernabeu stadium will be part of Spain's warm-up for the European Championship finals in June.

Scotland squad: Leighton, Goram, Smith, Gillespie, Gough, McLeish, Malpas, Miller, Narey, Nicol, Aitken, Durrant, D. Ferguson, McInally, MacLeod, McStay, Simpson, Johnston, McClair, McCoist, Sharp.



● Challenger Christophe Tiozzo of France (left) has title-holder Pierre Joly bent in two during early action of their middleweight title fight in Paris on Monday evening. Tiozzo won the bout on points. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Budd could be driven to breakdown: coach

LONDON, April 19, (Reuters): Zola Budd, at the centre of an apartheid controversy, has become the victim of a personal vendetta which could push her to a breakdown, her coach John Bryant said yesterday.

"Stronger people than her have broken under less pressure," said Bryant. "It's the sort of pressure that could push someone to a mental or physical breakdown. I fear she could be damaged by this personal attack."

## Instructions

Bryant said he hoped British athletics officials would resist instructions from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to ban Budd, who holds a British passport, from international competition for a year.

The IAAF on Saturday found the 21-year-old Budd guilty of breaking its rules by taking part in a cross-country event in her native South Africa last year.

Bryant said the IAAF case against Budd was "full of lies and half truths. It is without credibility and we will be looking to the British board to stand up against it."

"The situation seems horrendously clear — it is no longer about right or wrong, it is about some people's personal prejudices," he added. "It is blackmail."

The IAAF has threatened to ban the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) if they fail to suspend Budd, casting a shadow over the Seoul Olympics for all British athletes.

Bryant said Budd, who was given a British passport in time to allow her to run in the 1984 Olympics, was committed to her adopted country.

"She likes this country, she likes the athletes here, she wants to stay," he said. "If she didn't feel that way, it would have been easy for her to scuttle back to South Africa when it became

clear there were people on the IAAF who were out to get her."

Bryant said he would consider advising Budd to quit running if the pressure became too much. "If I see that coming, I will have to think seriously about advising Zola to remember that health and happiness are more important than medals and sport," he said.

"At the heart of this row is a human being, a young girl," Bryant added.

Budd, who did not appear before the IAAF last week, will not be allowed to plead her case before the BAAB on Sunday and will not have a legal representative at the hearing.

"This doesn't mean we have pre-judged the issue or that we are in any sense set to dump Zola," board spokesman Tony Ward said yesterday.

"We know her defence and we don't think it right she has to go through it all again before a 30-man-and-woman council."

Ward said Budd might want to consider legal action later on. "In view of possible later complications I don't think we want her legal representative or her adviser present on Sunday," he added.

Meanwhile more than 100 British members of parliament from groups opposed to the ruling Conservative party called for the government to put the "maximum pressure" on the BAAB to ban Budd.

Douglas Henderson, one of the MPs, said: "She has become a parasite on British sport with a passport of convenience."

Britain's athletes will also be asked this week whether they think Budd should be banned from international competition for 12 months.

## Vote

The results of the survey will decide how the athletes' representatives will vote at next Sunday's emergency meeting of BAAB.

IAAF decision just, says Evangelist

ROME, April 19, (Reuters): Italian long jumper Giovanni Evangelisti was quoted today as saying the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) acted rightly but too slowly in stripping him of his Rome World Championships bronze medal.

The IAAF, which had carried out an enquiry into alleged rigging of the long jump event and found no evidence of wrongdoing, did a dramatic about turn on Sunday and announced Evangelisti's final jump would be ignored and the result adjusted.

"I am pleased the IAAF decided to ignore that last jump even if the decision should have been made straight away," he told the daily Corriere dello Sport newspaper, adding that the IAAF verdict clarified the affair even though it was late.

## England recall Waddle for friendly

LONDON, April 19, (Reuters): Tottenham winger Chris Waddle was recalled to England's squad today for next week's friendly soccer international against Hungary even though he has not played a full competitive first team match for eight weeks.

Waddle's inclusion is the only change to the squad selected by manager Bobby Robson for last month's friendly international against the Netherlands, a 2-2 draw.

## Claim

Waddle, who missed the Dutch match following a hernia operation, returned for Tottenham as substitute at Queen's Park Rangers earlier this month and is in line to face Liverpool on Saturday, four days before England play Hungary in Budapest.

Young Middlesbrough defen-

der Gary Pallister remains in the squad and will be looking to stake his claim for a place in the European championship party as will Liverpool midfielder Steve McMahon, forced to withdraw from the squad to face the Dutch because of leg injuries.

Monaco pair Mark Hateley and Glenn Hoddle were also included despite threats from the French side that they will not be released for friendly matches.

Squad: Peter Shilton (Derby), Chris Wood (Glasgow Rangers), David Seaman (Queen's Park Rangers), Gary Stevens (Everton), Viv Anderson (Manchester United), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Dave Watson (Everton), Mark Wright (Derby), Gary Pallister (Middlesbrough), Bryan Robson (Manchester United), Peter Reid (Everton), Glenn Hoddle (Monaco), Steve McMahon (Liverpool), Trevor

Steven (Everton), Neil Webb (Nottingham Forest), Peter Beardsley (Liverpool), John Barnes (Liverpool), Gary Lineker (Barcelona), Mark Hateley (Monaco), Tony Cottee (West Ham), Chris Waddle (Tottenham).

## Sandy Lyle

LONDON, April 19, (UPI): Sandy Lyle arrived in London today from the United States, where he became the first Briton to win the US Masters and the first European golfer to top the US money list.

## European fight

LONDON, April 19, (AP): Tom Collins, frustrated in his efforts to get a shot at a world title, will defend his European light-heavyweight championship against Mark Kaylor on May 11.

## Benfica seek to revive their greatest days

LONDON, April 19, (Reuters): Benfica will seek to end a 20-year absence from the most glamorous event on the European soccer calendar when they meet 1986 winners Steau Bucharest in the second leg of their European Cup semifinal in Lisbon tomorrow.

On a night of six semifinal second leg ties in the three major European club tournaments, the Portuguese champions' bid to clinch their place in the final in Stuttgart on May 25 shares top billing with another outstanding match in prospect between PSV Eindhoven and Real Madrid.

Favour Both semifinals are evenly-balanced, but tilted slightly in favour of the home teams, after the first legs ended in draws. Dutch champions PSV held Spain's Real 1-1 in Madrid and Benfica drew 0-0 in Bucharest with the Romanian champions.

Benfica, winners of the trophy in 1961 and 1962, last appeared in the final in 1968, when they were beaten 4-1 by Manchester United of England after extra time.

That defeat brought down the curtain on a glorious era of attractive soccer by the leading Portuguese clubs and their national team, but their reputation as cavaliers of bold football lived on.

It was rekindled last season when Porto came from behind to beat Bayern Munich in a thrilling European Cup final in Vienna.



PSV goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen misses the ball and tackles Real's Hugo Sanchez in the first-leg match.

Most neutrals would be delighted to see another Portuguese side in the final, but Steau, an accomplished counter-attacking team as they proved in overcoming Barcelona to win the Cup two years ago, will present formidable opposition.

Benfica's dream is of an all-Iberian final against Real Madrid, a club craving its seventh Champions' Cup win, but first since 1966.

Madrid, however, though virtually certain of their 23rd Spanish championship, are less sure of

progress from the Netherlands where they are certain to face a nerve-wracking examination by Eindhoven's skillful team and boisterous fans.

Real were surprisingly easily held by PSV in Madrid and the Spanish team's Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker will be fully aware that Madrid have never won a European tie after drawing the first leg at home.

"It would not be a failure to go out after eliminating all those great teams," said Beenhakker, referring to Napoli, Porto and

Bayern Munich, "but it would be a big disappointment not to go further."

PSV's overall strength and strategy could be undermined, however, by the absence of their outstanding libero Ronald Koeman, who has been banned for three European matches by UEFA for remarks published in a Dutch sports magazine.

While Portugal's impassioned soccer fans will hope Benfica are capable of keeping the European Cup in their part of the Iberian peninsula, it seems almost cer-

tain that holders Ajax Amsterdam will succeed in reaching their second successive final in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Ajax go into the second leg of their tie with Marseille with the considerable advantage of a 3-0 lead from the first leg in France when they unexpectedly gained a convincing victory thanks to the marksmanship of Rob Witschge.

In the other semifinal, Italian Second Division Atalanta need only a 1-0 victory to beat Belgium's Mechelen, but the Belgians will begin with a 2-1 lead to defend from the first leg and could claw their way to the final with a powerful defensive performance.

## Powerful

Belgium could also provide one of the finalists in the UEFA Cup in which Club Brugge, without the powerful assistance of injured midfielder Jan Ceulemans who has a thigh strain, travel to Spain to defend a 2-0 lead against Espanol in Barcelona.

In the second all-West German semifinal, Werder Bremen will attempt to overcome a 1-0 deficit against Bayer Leverkusen, who will be without injured libero Thomas Hoerster.

Leverkusen intend to defend and counter-attack. "We stayed cool in the witches' cauldron of Barcelona and we also want to win in Bremen," said their coach Erich Ribbeck.



Al Hasawi: hat-trick

## Kuwait and Japan reach Asian finals

KUALA LUMPUR, April 19, (Reuters): Japan overcame the handicap of playing with 10 men for nearly two-thirds of their Asian Cup qualifying match against Pakistan yesterday to win 4-1 and reach the finals of the competition.

Kuwait also made sure of their place in the December finals in Qatar with a humiliating 5-0 defeat of Malaysia before 25,000 home supporters on the last day of the Group B qualifying round.

Kuwait, who did not lose a single match in the round nor let in any goals, finished top of the group, two points ahead of Japan, Jordan, on equal points with Japan, lost the chance of a finals place on goal difference.

Pakistan fought gallantly at first despite conceding a second-minute goal by Japan's Osami Maeda.

Gulam Shawar, the victim of a foul which resulted in Matsuo Ihara being expelled in the 34th minute, scored Pakistan's only goal of the tournament a minute later to equalise.

Play was held up for eight minutes when Pakistan's West Ger-

man coach Bukhard Zeiss attended to an injured player without seeking permission from Saudi Arabian referee Abdullah Nasir. After much discussion, Zeiss was escorted back to the bench by two policemen.

Despite being a man short, the Japanese were constantly on the attack and regained the lead through Katsumi Oenoki in the 38th minute. Yoshiyuki Matsunaga, in the 68th minute and Yusuke Minoguchi, 20 minutes later, completed the scoreline.

Kuwait's Salah Al Hasawi produced a second-half hat-trick against the demoralised Malaysian after Nawaf Al Aenezi had opened the scoring in the 40th minute and Wael Al Hahashi had scored another easy goal in the 55th minute.

Final standings in the Group B Asian cup qualifying round (tableau under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Kuwait	4	3	1	0	9	0	7
Japan	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Jordan	4	1	3	0	2	1	5
Malaysia	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Pakistan	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

## Old Boys thrash City Boys

OLD BOYS Cricket Club (OBCC) scored a nine-wicket victory over City Boys Cricket Club (CBCC) at the Airport - Al Hijra ground on Friday.

City Boys' skipper Willy won the toss and elected to bat.

## Captured

However, City Boys were only able to score 122 for the loss of eight wickets in their 25 allotted overs. Subail top-scored with 60 while Jerome 16 and John 13 were the other batsmen to reach the double figures.

For Old Boys, Habib was the pick of the bowlers with three



Ashraf: hit 74 wickets for only nine runs. Javed Shah took two for 17 while Iftikhar, and Riaz Mian captured one each.

Old Boys, needing only five runs per over for victory, opened their innings through Ashraf Rana and Adnan Shah who took the score to 119 before the former was out for 74.

Adnan Shah remained unbeaten on 36 as Old Boys scored the required runs in 18.3 overs without further loss.

RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game played last Wednesday:

N/S 1. Nahil Akel & Sandra Turvey 2. Ghada Sarraf & Salwa Hayek 3. Sonia Bannayan & Lya Edwards E/W

1. Suzanne Cattermole & Dona Materny 2. Janice Bridges & Alice Nasir 3. Sheila Everett & Madge McKenzie

Results of the Mesliah Ladies Bridge Club game held on Saturday: 1. Daphne El Saad & Margaret Maynard 2. Nahil Akel & Lollo Mardwaite 3. Suha Fozan & Irene Shamsi

Results for the Hilton Bridge Club game played on Sunday: Sharing first place: Mamoudi Supri & Ahmed Tawced and Lizzidid & Ahsa Abbasi

Sharing third place: Nahil Akel & Lollo Mardwaite and Wilma Khadra & Adly Tiab.

Kamara banned for the season

LONDON, April 19, (Reuters): English soccer player Chris Kamara, a midfielder with Second Division club Swindon Town, has been suspended by the English Football Association (FA) until the end of the season.

Kamara was fined £1,200 (\$2,300) by a court last week for assaulting Shrewsbury striker Jim Melrose.

Kamara, 30, received his latest punishment at a 90-minute hearing yesterday when he appeared before the FA on a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.